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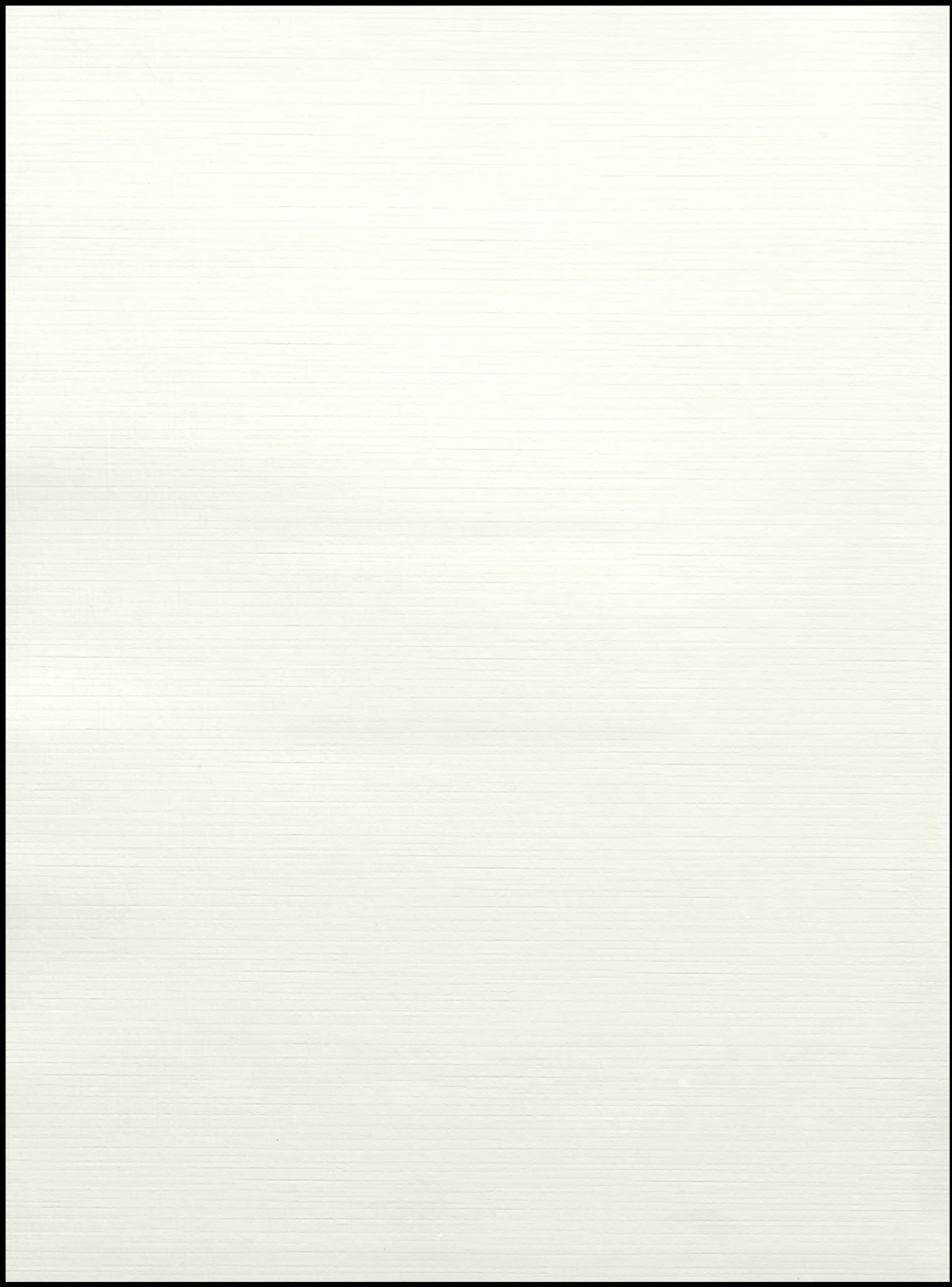


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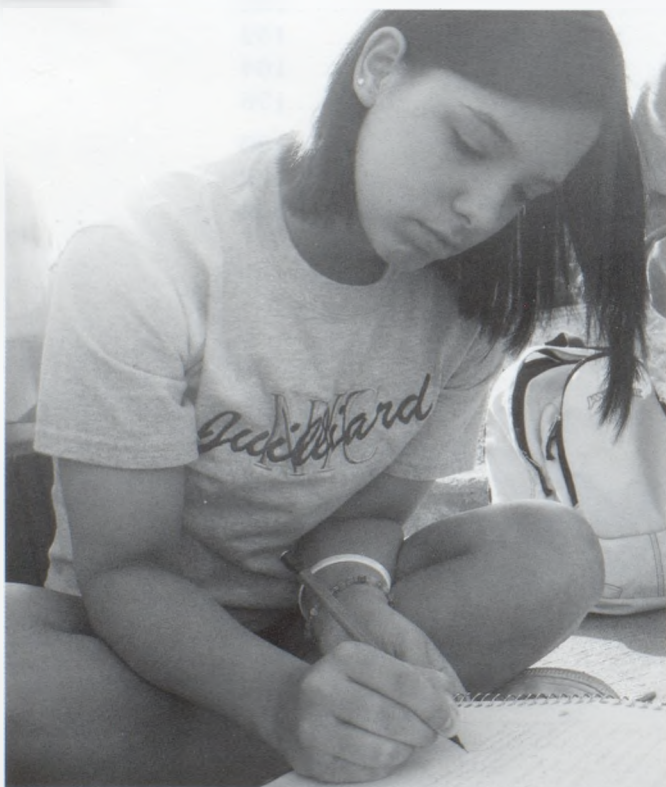
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their season or major event takes place.*





Gasping for a breath, sophomore Erik Anderson performs the freestyle stroke. Anderson participated in swimming for the first time this year. "I do swimming because its one of those sports that test my body and my mind," Anderson said. Photo by Faisal Alabsi



▲ Diligently taking notes for an upcoming quiz, senior Ashley Brown listens to psychology teacher, Jason Jauron. "The class went outside to the tennis court parking lot to enjoy some 'vitamin D,'" Jauron said.

Senior Drew Wilson and junior Jeff Oatts use their artistic abilities to paint on the sidewalk inside the football stadium. Many students showed spirit on Homecoming week by painting the sidewalk to illustrate the activities in which they participate.



## Johnston High School





This is your Chronicle.

Summer was flooded.

With record breaking water from the Des Moines River,

and emotion from state champion baseball.

Autumn went by fast.

With hot to cold temperatures and no in between,

and hope from newly elected President Obama.

Winter brought wishes for spring.

With economic down-turn,

and extremely cold wind chill levels.

Spring was bright.

With long deserving wins against rival teams,

and seniors saying goodbye.

The record of your year...

# Saturated SUMMER

The Eagle Ridge neighborhood worked throughout the day to put sandbags around their homes. They were protecting their homes from the Des Moines River which ran along the back of their subdivision. The 2008 floods were worse than the '93 floods that plagued Iowa 16 years ago.



Photo by ethan kumbers

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Junior Kevin Shu, sophomore Ervin Duemic, and junior Kyle Soyer practice choreography during marching band camp. They had camp during students summer to prepare for the new Lion King based competition.

The state was under water.

The worst flood since '93.

Record-breaking water came with record-breaking baseball.

Johnston baseball going 40-0 during Wee's last season.

A win at Principal Park came with wins in Beijing.

Iowa native Shawn Johnson brought home four medals.

Micheal Phelps became the top Olympian with seven gold medals

Summer brought an abundance of emotion.

This was a Saturated Summer.

Junior Greg Larpender hugs junior Chris Soroka after their state championship win over Marshalltown. The baseball team celebrated with one another until officials asked them to back off the field so they could present the second place trophy to Marshalltown and then gave Johnston it's trophy.



Photo by zach jensen

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Senior Tessa Fenimore makes a s'more during a bonfire at Lake Panorama. "We had a long time out on the boat and sitting at the fire eating delicious s'mores," Fenimore said. was a relaxing way to end the fantastic day."

photo by faisal alabsi



Practicing his aim, sophomore Ryan Coulson adjusts his new crossbow. "My dad challenged me to a target shooting practice," Coulson said. "He got a crossbow, it was a lot of fun because I won!"

photo by makayla coulson



Sophomore Hailey Beaver applies oatmeal facial on sophomore Emily Bisenius's face. "After watching a movie, we went on the Internet and got the idea to make some oatmeal facial," Beaver said.

photo by jordin robinson



photo by zach jensen

At the Dragons' state baseball game, senior Caroline Byrd sings for the crowd. "When I sing in front of a big crowd, I'm not worried about hitting the right pitch, but forgetting the words," Byrd said.

During Green Days, junior Eric Oatts plays the saxophone along with his brothers Jeff and Chris and senior J.T. Minor. "Green Days was a fun show and was a good time to get our (stuff) together," Eric Oatts said. "It was also a kick (butt) P.A system and it felt good to jam in front of all those people in the beer tent."



photo by zach jensen



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Trying to help protect her neighborhood, senior Molly Hoffman passes a sandbag along. The community members created an assembly line through yards to prepare for flooding.

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Name: Jessica Pray '10

Birthday: August 20



- Dramatic
- Confident
- Unselfish
- Enthusiastic
- Leader

She Says: "I think I am a confident person and can be very dramatic, but not all the time. Enthusiastic? Definitely. When I was younger, that was probably called 'annoying'. But I like to think that I am a leader and unselfish."

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# Catastrophe **COMPELS** Community

*flooding causes students to help their neighborhood*

Throughout weeks of heavy rain, flooding rivers, and blustery winds, senior Molly Hoffman watched as the water from the nearby Beaver Creek inched closer and closer to her backyard and eventually her house. "The water was six inches from our yard," Hoffman said. "We had to rearrange furniture and put it into our garage for precaution. It was kind of scary."

The community of Northview Estates, near Metro Ice Sports Facility, experienced flooding along with the rest of the state of Iowa. Most of the neighborhood and around 100 people from Hoffman's church, (Lutheran Church of Hope) were brought together in a large effort to prepare houses in case of flooding.

Senior Emira Deumic helped sandbag over twenty houses in the neighborhood. "Everyone was trying to help," Deumic said. "It was crazy."

Even though the community is in the school district, the neighborhood was unable to obtain sandbags because Northview Estates is located in Urbandale. A local business donated 4,000 toward the effort.

Senior Erin Funk watched as the effort came to life. "From my

backyard I could see and hear huge trucks full of sand come down the street while volunteers waited with orange cones to fill bags," Funk said.

Preparation started early for the flood relief. "I woke up at 5 a.m. to help fill sandbags," Hoffman said. "Then all of the volunteers formed an assembly line from the top of the hill down to the yards. I was doing this until 3 p.m."

Deumic and Hoffman learned first hand that they could make a difference. "If you see someone in need you should go help them," Hoffman said. "It was leadership seeing everyone come together and get everything done."

Senior Jon Krueger witnessed many people that helped sandbag houses. "The teamwork of all the people coming together showed the courage of a community to help a different neighborhood other than their own."

There was no damage sustained to anyone's house. "Ironically, after we started sandbagging the houses, it stopped raining and the water went down," Deumic said.

**Spread by makayla coulson  
and faisal alabsi**

PHOTO BY jon krueger

Sophomore Dirk Opland flies through the air while tubing on Lake Panorama. Along with his friends, Opland visited the lake every three weeks and collected many memories. "Hurting myself multiple times tubing at the lake would definitely have to be the highlight of my summer," Opland said.



photo by faisal alabsi

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Instead of pitching, junior Ryan Torgerson looks left seeing Jason Brown from Dubuque Hempstead leading off first base. Torgerson threw the ball to senior Ryan McCauley making one of the three outs in that inning. "This season was unbelievable; I could have not asked for a better way to finish my high school career," McCauley said.

photo by zach jensen

**Swinging, junior Greg Larpenter** takes a crack at the ball against Urbandale.

photo by zach jensen



**Leaping onto the dog pile, senior James Stone**, is full of excitement after winning the state championship.

photo by zach jensen



**Junior Justin Hoellein** sprints towards home plate, colliding with Ankeny's catcher.

photo by zach jensen



**Sliding into second base, senior Trevor Haden** is called safe during the home game against North.

photo by zach jensen



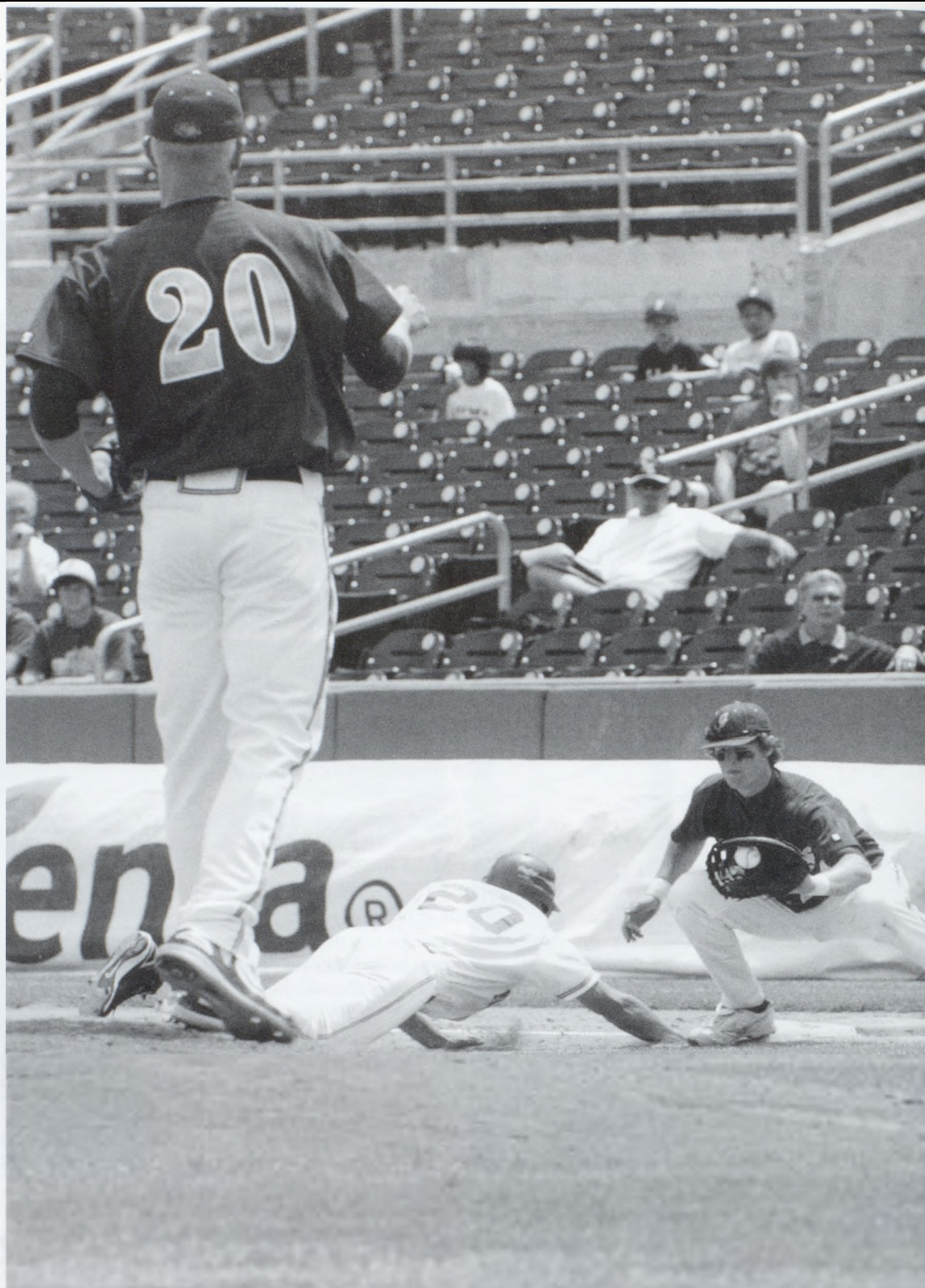
Junior Ryan Torgerson launches a pitch toward home at a game versus Ankeny. "From his first game as a freshmen he has stood toe to toe with the best players on our teams and our competition," Coach Randy Wee said. "He is now at the point where he is one of the better athletes in our league."

photo by zach jensen



Planting his left foot on first base, sophomore Alec Recker gets ready to catch the ball to force out Nick Little from S.E Polk during a sophomore game. "I like baseball because it's different than any other sport because for football and basketball you can prepare for stuff to happen but in baseball it's all a reaction," Recker said.

photo by zach jensen



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# Redemption in State Title

## UNDEFEATED DURING COACH'S FINAL SEASON

A rain storm might have saved the Dragon's perfect season.

In the regular season, Marshalltown was winning 10-3 during the fourth inning when the game was called due to rain. Coach Randy Wee offered to reschedule the game, but was never able to because substate started that week.

Coincidentally, the next time the team would face Marshalltown would be at the state tournament. "It was the game everybody on our team wanted since we played very poorly up there for four innings," Wee said. "We all wanted a chance to play our game against Marshalltown and see how things stacked up the second time around."

Before the state championship game, the Dragons beat Dubuque-Hempstead and Ankeny. After beating Ankeny, the team waited for the night game to finish to find out who their opponent would be for the 4A state title. A few minutes past midnight the Dragons learned their opponent would be Marshalltown.

The next day, players and fans traveled to Principal Park for the final game. The Dragons took an early lead in the third inning scoring four runs, while Marshalltown began a comeback in the fifth, scoring two. With a 4-2 lead in the final inning the Dragons padded the lead when seniors Darin Davis and Ryan McCauley made it to home plate, expanding their lead to 6-2.

Going into the bottom of the seventh and final inning, a pitching change brought junior Greg Larpenter to the mound. He took care of the first two batters; one flied out to Davis in centerfield and the other struck out swinging. It was down to the last batter.

The last batter was down with two strikes. "There was a moment of silence, then a wall of sound erupted," senior Bryan Lippincott said, as Larpenter pitched the ball. The final batter struck out; the Dragons had completed a perfect season.

"Before the final pitch I was just thinking that this is really going to happen," McCauley said. "We did it. Not only did we just win state, but we went undefeated. All of the hard work we put in paid off."

Elation broke out. "After the final pitch my first thought was to jump on the dog-pile. It was a huge adrenaline rush," Davis said. The Dragons had accomplished what no other 4A school had ever achieved, going 40-0.

The trophy resides in the school's trophy cabinet, as a sign of a perfect season, a history-making team, and Wee's final impact on the school.

Prior to preseason practice he announced he had taken another job outside of the district and this would be his last year teaching and coaching at Johnston. "I didn't think it was right to try and stay on without teaching in the district," Wee said.

Many members of the team expressed their respect for Wee. "I cannot say enough about Coach Wee," McCauley said. "Not only is he a great baseball coach, but he is an outstanding person as well. He taught us a lot about the game, but he also taught us a lot about life itself. It was an honor to play for the 'Iowa High School Coach of the Year.'" *Spread by jon krueger and zach jensen*

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5/21	7 0	Valley
5/22	14 6	Ames
5/24	18 0	Lewis Central
5/24	7 4	Boone
5/29	11 1	Ottumwa
5/29	8 0	Ottumwa
6/02	5 1	Ankeny
6/02	5 0	Ankeny
6/05	12 2	Indianola
6/05	7 2	Indianola
6/06	14 2	Hoover
6/07	15 4	Hoover
6/09	6 0	Urbandale
6/09	7 3	Urbandale
6/12	8 5	Dowling Catholic
6/12	7 0	Dowling Catholic
6/16	10 0	S.E. Polk
6/16	7 3	S.E. Polk
6/19	3 1	Ankeny
6/19	6 0	Ankeny
6/21	14 4	Roosevelt
6/21	13 3	Saydel
6/23	12 4	Indianola
6/23	6 5	Indianola
6/28	8 2	Kennedy
6/28	6 1	Urbandale
6/28	10 0	Urbandale
6/30	19 5	Dowling Catholic
6/30	13 11	Dowling Catholic
7/01	13 4	Mason City
7/01	5 2	Mason City
7/02	14 10	S.E. Polk
7/03	11 0	S.E. Polk
7/09	17 0	North
7/09	15 0	North
7/11	12 2	Lincoln
7/16	9 4	Ames
7/23	5 3	Hempstead
7/25	7 5	Ankeny
7/26	6 2	Marshalltown

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## Players on the dog pile

after winning the championship game



"To this day, I haven't had a better feeling than the way I felt that night, standing there with all the guys holding that trophy."

Johnathan Nelson '09

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Playing center field, senior Veronica Roshek follows through after making a quick throw to the infield. "You can't let yourself get too overwhelmed going into a sub-state game," Roshek said. "All the pressure was on Lincoln because we had already beat them once this year."

Johnston won 2-1.  
photo by matthew courtney

**Slap hitting in hopes** of gaining a few extra seconds, sophomore Cassie Curtis make solid contact with the ball and sprints to first.

photo by matthew courtney



**Stretching off** first base, junior Alexa Guessford gains the double play as well as the end of the inning.

photo by olivia schiefelbein



**Focusing on** the ball, sophomore Jordan Sandquist positions herself to return the throw to the left fielder during warm up in between innings at the Urbandale game.

photo by matthew courtney



**Junior Annie** Gray gets into position, in hopes of tagging and achieving an out.

photo by olivia schiefelbein



**Breaking for third** base, senior Aleece Gustafson watches for the release of the ball from Urbandale's pitcher. Through aggressive base running, Johnston won the game 5-0.

photo by olivia schiefelbein



Senior Michele Schoop strides out with a final push and releases the ball. "I was the starting pitcher and pitched most of the games," Schoop said. "I wasn't a pitcher who struck a lot of people out, but I was a ground out pitcher."

photo by olivia schiefelbein



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# Circle IN THE Outfield

## TEAM SUFFERS STATE-QUALIFYING LOSS BUT BOND REMAINS

It was the tenth inning and the game-deciding play for Sioux City North. State tournament qualification would be earned or denied. "All that I was thinking about was, 'What am I going to do with the ball if it's hit to me,'" junior Abby Sonner said.

Sioux City North made the run and got the point. Johnston's turn to bat: one out. Two outs. Then, senior Leah Embry was up to bat. The ball was a grounder to the second basemen who threw it to first base for the out: game over.

The loss ended the chance of going to the state tournament. "After the game everyone was pretty quiet and didn't say much," junior Annie Gray said. "Everyone was crying and the bus ride back was silent the whole way because everyone was kind of in shock."

"Throughout the season we had talked about state as if it were a sure thing," sophomore Jordan Sandquist said. "We talked about sleeping over at the diamonds the night after and T.P.ing and how fun it would be. It had never really occurred to us that we might not make it. And when we didn't, our hearts broke."

When the players arrived back in Johnston, they went to their outfield and gathered around in a circle. "We sat around for like an hour because nobody wanted to go home," Gray said.

Coach Todd Merical spoke, hoping to console his players. "I just told them that I was very proud of what they had accomplished throughout the season and for the effort they gave during the game," Merical said. "I also thanked the seniors and said that they would definitely be missed. Anytime that a loss finishes your season it's always difficult to take."

As the girls sat around and talked about everything besides softball, the sun began to set. The day was coming to an end just as their season had hours previously. "We finally gave hugs and said our good-byes," Sandquist said.

As the evening approached, the girls packed up their bags and went home. Though their season was cut short, the team still had success to look back upon: conference champions, winning the Elite Eight Tournament at Urbandale, and going undefeated at the Cedar Rapids Jefferson tournament. "We should be proud of ourselves, we had a good season," Sonner said.

*Spread by panalie wiratsorn, brittany trow, and kara anderson*

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**Members**  
**of the "O" Club**  
ran the outfield during every game



"The 'O Club' was all of the outfielders 'code name' and we would make an 'O' by connecting our pinkies and thumb for our handshake!"

**Alex Hawks '10**

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5/22	10-0 / 12-2	Ames
5/29	2-1 / 5-4	Ottumwa
5/31	3-6	Valley
5/31	12-3	Lincoln
5/31	11-1	Waukee
6/2	3-1 / 6-1	Ankeny
6/5	1-2 / 2-1	Indianola
6/6	6-0	Springville
6/6	3-4	Bondurant-Farrar
6/7	5-0	Keokuk
6/7	5-0	Cedar Rapids, Jefferson
6/9	5-4 / 5-0	Urbandale
6/12	1-6 / 3-8	Dowling Catholic
6/13	8-0	Solon
6/13	5-4	Cedar Rapids, Xavier
6/14	10-0	Linn-Mar
6/14	4-1	Urbandale
6/16	1-7 / 6-5	S.E. Polk
6/17	6-4 / 3-1	Marshalltown
6/19	3-1 / 12-0	Ankeny
6/21	9-3	Ogden
6/21	9-0	Madrid
6/23	13-5 / 5-3	Indianola
6/27	8-3	Boone
6/28	5-1 / 3-0	Urbandale
6/30	3-5 / 0-10	Dowling Catholic
7/1	6-0 / 13-5	S.E. Polk
7/8	2-1	DM Lincoln
7/9	7-6	Sioux City North

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# Absent AUTUMN

Seniors Alma Jovancevic and Ryan Jones give Spanish teacher Angie Koob a neon bracelet, allowing her to pick up the bike from the football stadium at the end of the day. Bike to School Day was held during homecoming week and was staffed by members of the National Honor Society.



Photo by jordan sandquist

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Sophomore Jimmy Siebert gets teased by a Flinstone dressed up senior, Tyler Waltz, at the home game against Mason City. The student section dressed up for different games, including Halloween.

Photo by Katie Lashier



Sunny students returned to an unfinished school.

They hoped it soon would be complete.

State title hopes in football & volleyball ended in tears.

While tears came from the election.

Barack Obama vowed to help the economy.

While chilly students helped to fight for a cure.

Fall went from hot to cold.

With nothing inbetween.

This was an Absent Autumn.

Sophomore Andy Jensen carefully pours hot chocolate into another cup. Student Council allowed students the opportunity to sign up for Race for the Cure, and provided transportation down to Principal Park to the run/walk.



Photo by brooklyn drake

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# A WISH IS *Granted* English Teacher Honored With New Cameras

At the beginning of second period, English teacher Sarah Moore leads her sophomore students down the hall to the computer lab. They are completing their unit over *The Bean Trees*, which was finished the day before. She leans over students' shoulders to look at the computer screen in front of them. Silence reigns in the lab as Moore moves between the students, making sure everyone has found the book review. Even though they have plenty of time, the way Moore's head is constantly turning towards the open door which had her students feeling tense and hurried.

Sophomore Emily Parker knew Moore was waiting for something, but hadn't expected the teacher to be so distracted. "She told us (the donors) were going to be coming, and that she was really excited, but I didn't know they'd be so loud," Parker said.

When the group arrived, the silence in the lab was broken. Tom Miller, the representative from the Johnston Community School Foundation, along with two Summit students, pounded out a loud pattern on some drums. Moore was presented with a large, cardboard check with enough money to buy new digital video cameras, which will be incorporated into the new English curriculum starting next year.

Grant applications were passed in September to various teachers who filled out the extensive paperwork, including Moore. "It meant I could try the pilot for Reading the Screen," Moore said,

referring to one of the new classes being created that will be all about analyzing movies as pieces of literature. "I had to write a letter to the foundation and get a letter of recommendation."

The creative writing classes were planning on using the cameras for a digital storytelling unit, but the cameras arrived a month late in November. "The cameras were back ordered; then the order was cancelled so they had to be ordered from somewhere else," Moore said.

When the cameras arrived the students started their newest project that had been pushed back because of the delay. The object of the project was to learn to tell a story physically, through film. "(My group) made a sort of a spoof of a horror movie," junior Lyssa Bailey said. Bailey acted in the video, but she got an opportunity to get behind the cameras and film. "I played a teenage punk," Bailey said. "The cameras were great; they had a long battery life so we didn't have to waste time charging the battery."

Junior Matt Mahanna agreed that the cameras were impressive and said that the unit itself was one of the more fun parts of the semester. "They were really new and easy to use," Mahanna said. "We made a comedy/history/horror movie. I started off (playing) Jack McCool, who was a main character; then I played a doctor. I'm (looking forward to) Reading the Screen; I like the idea of the class." *Spread by meredith batz and kristine hauser*





▲ Working on her core ab muscles, senior Meredith Luksetich does crunches on the physio ball. "I like it (Track 1 P.E.)," Lusketch said. "The new fitness center is really cool and there's a lot of variety."  
photo by zach jensen

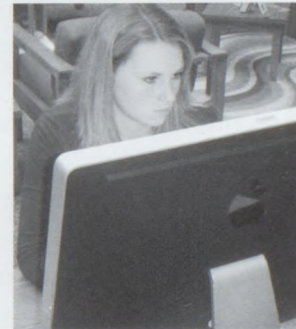
◀ Juniors Brad Kruse and Kyle Soyer, along with senior Brooke Walters, watch their video for creative writing. The cameras were given to English teacher Sarah Moore as a grant and will be shared between the English teachers in the '09-'10 school year.  
photo by zach jensen



▲ Attempting a "granny-shot" in Track 3 P.E., senior Christian Haas plays basketball golf. Haas and the other students practiced for the upcoming tournament where they will compete against each other in basketball games.  
photo by zach jensen



▲ Senior John Puffett donates money to the Salvation Army station at Dahls in Johnston while chatting to bell ringer senior Lindsay Timmons. She volunteered at locations around Des Moines so that she could get 40 hours for her government service learning project.  
photo by erin funk



◀ Sophomore Emma Gowey researches information for her group panel speech. Gowey's individual section was human trafficking. "Speech was a lot of work," Gowey said. "Since it was a group speech, you had to worry about if everyone got their stuff done. But in the end, our speech went really well."  
photo by meredith batz



Xusey  
Blenfung '10

Class: Creative Writing  
Rating: ★★★★★

Why: It can get hard and boring, but it's fun. It beats eating yellow snow.

Family Consumer Science Art Industrial Technology ELL Foreign Language



# EGGS TEACH *Momentum*

## Physics students use food for creative lesson

Junior Aldina Sabic rushed down the football stadium's slippery steps to check on the fate of her egg. The cold winter air whipped around the students in a frenzy, causing frazzled nerves to become more unsettled. Sabic reached the base of the stadium and was thrilled to find her egg survived through all five drops from different heights. She trusted a cardboard milk carton filled with Twinkies to keep her egg safe. Marshmallows protected the fragile shell of the egg, and a tight binding of duct tape was used to keep the box together in its entirety. "It was really the Twinkies that did it," Sabic said.

The goal of the egg drop lab demonstrated application of momentum and how force and impact are related. Sabic was one of the students in Brad Jacobson's Conceptual Physics class that chose to use food to protect her egg for the lab, instead of the traditional packing supplies. Jacobson provided the raw egg and the students were expected to handle the rest over Thanksgiving break. "The grade is half dependent on the survival of the egg and half on the actual lab write up," Jacobson said. "It's always fun when they use food; it means they're thinking outside the box and I like that."

But not all experiments involving food have turned out as well as Sabic's. "I had someone fill their carton with cottage cheese," Jacobson said. "It ended badly. When the student dropped the carton, the integrity was destroyed and cottage cheese flew everywhere."

Other bizarre trials of the egg lab produced diverse creations and comical concepts. Junior Daniel Ratekin used a jug of Vaseline for his experiment while senior John Puffett's carton played music. "It didn't have anything to do with protecting the egg but it was fun," Jacobson said. "When you pushed it, it sang to you. It (played) 'I've Got the Power.'"

Senior Amber Morales experienced pressure in the last round of drops at the stadium. "I had a plastic egg and filled it with cotton balls then hollowed out some styrofoam so that the egg could settle inside," Morales said. "I didn't make the last drop. I got nervous when I had to refresh the cotton (in the last drop). I heard this kind of crack and I didn't think it would survive."

These hands-on labs come as a blessing for some students like Sabic. "I like doing the labs because that means less note taking," Sabic said. "The labs always help me in class because I'm a visual learner and the labs are more hands-on learning."

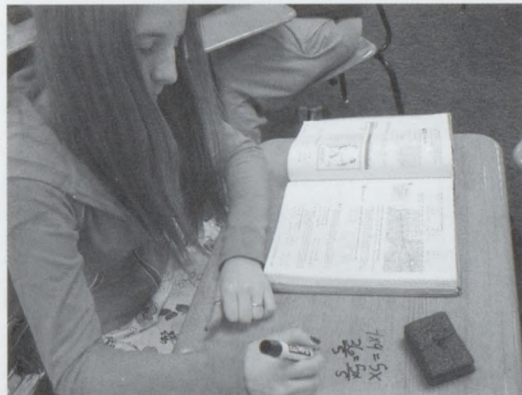
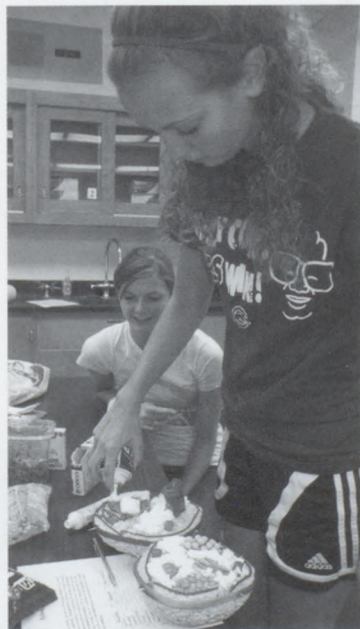
*Spread by ryan birmingham and brianna ryan*





▲ Senior Venisa Kolubdzic shuffles papers, as the answers to the previous assignment are projected on the screen, during teacher Julie Probst's trigonometry class. "When we check our homework we have to be careful," Kolubdzic said. "If we don't, we get it wrong on the homework quiz, which earns a bad grade."  
photo by ryan birmingham

◀ Gazing down at the stairs below, senior Alexa Despenas prepares to drop her tightly bound egg off the stadium bleachers. A yearly occurrence in teacher Brad Jacobson's physics class, students spent days trying to perfect an ordinary milk carton and turn it into an elaborate capsule.  
photo by amanda gabbert



▲ Scribbling equations onto her desk in erasable white board marker, sophomore Mackenzie Ellis solves problems in her geometry textbook. The students were given dry erase markers and were told to work out problems from the day's assignment on their desks.  
photo by megan curtis



◀ Seniors Ashley Elliot and Justin Polson measure water temperatures in AP Chemistry for a lab over Hess' Law. The law is based on the principle of conservation of energy and the path independence of energy changes.  
photo by alma jovancevic

▲ Sophomore Kristen Waite and senior Brooke Walters place the final touches on their cell model for biology. Students made edible models of cells using different types of food, including Twizzlers, Nerds, rice crispies and whipped cream. Some students even made models using a large pizza and M&M's.  
photo by brooklyn drake



Caleb Wagner '10

Class: Algebra II

Rating: ★★

Why: "I can't stand math, it's pointless and redundant, and I feel like it won't get me anywhere."

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# TENNIS COURT YIELDS *Creation*

## Students make art out of their environment

Sketches, sculptures, paintings, and clay pots. Usual things when thinking of art class. Art teacher Dan Weiss introduced a project that would invite students to incorporate usual items into life.

Weiss assigned this project, which was to make art out of their environment. "It was very foreign to the students, so for them to just try it was great," Weiss said. "That was the goal."

Weiss assigned the project because he wanted his students to experience something untraditional.

"Most of the contemporary artists today make their art in their environment, not on a piece of paper, although paper can be someone's environment too," Weiss said.

Senior Lauren Rogers' environment was the tennis court. She has played tennis for three and a half years. "Tennis is really fun," Rogers said, "No matter if you're on varsity or junior varsity it's a really fun sport."

Countless hours of tennis practice inspired Rogers' environment. "My tennis balls were always getting stuck in the fence during practice so I thought I could make a design out of it," Rogers said.

Standing in the rain on an early morning before school, Rogers stepped back to take a look at her finished art work. Rogers created a body of a person by stuffing tennis balls into the fence. "My whole family plays tennis so we never get short on balls," Rogers said.

Rogers was determined to get the project done that day, no matter what the weather conditions were. She was unaware that it was going to rain, but she wanted to get it done. "I wasn't procrastinating; I did it a month early," Rogers said. "I decided the night before that I'm going to go and do my project before school no matter what!"

Everyone's environment was different. Some made art out of their backyards, flower arrangements, and even nuts.

Two other students in the class also made their project unique. Senior Simas Petrauskas made a design in his backyard out of string and grass, which left an impact on Weiss. The other student was senior Heidi Bibler. Bibler documented her art not by photos, but by a video. "It (Bibler's video) is beautiful and tranquil and makes you have good feelings," Weiss said.

The project was different from all the others and made the students find and explore their environments even in bad conditions.

Overall, Rogers' tennis court environment and hard work earned her a good grade. "She worked early to get feedback on it, and she nailed it," Weiss said. "She's like the tennis queen!"

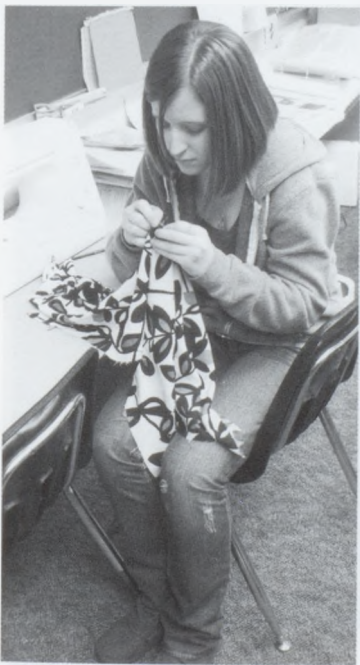
*Spread by amanda gabbert and chrissy clark*





▲ Junior Jenna Devens replicates a font during Design I. Devens decided to write a life lesson that tells you to love the people who matter and forget the ones that don't. "It's hanging in my room right now," Devens said, "so I could see it and just remember what it means." *photo by jordan sandquist*

◀ Standing in the rain, senior Lauren Rogers places tennis balls into the fence that divides the tennis courts. "For drawing, we had to draw outside our usual drawing boundaries and make a piece of art in our environment," Rogers said. "It was really cold out in the rain when I made my piece." *photo by jon krueger*



▲ Repairing a seam, sophomore Allie Christ fixes a mistake that she made on her dress. Students in clothing seminar were able to choose what they wanted to make for their last project. Some students made dresses, while others made jackets, skirts or different styles of tops. *photo by amanda gabbert*



▲ In Graphics, Sounds and Animations class, senior Stephanie Ivankovich works on a poster for Johnston's Got Talent, a talent show organized by student council. "I love the class because I love designing," Ivankovich said. "When I'm designing in Photoshop, I get in a mode and I can't stop until I'm done or the bell rings." *photo by amanda gabbert*



◀ Juniors Brianna Gerke and Ajla Sudic watch as culinary teacher Ruth Hamilton demonstrates how to slice the pizza. The class made two, a white and a traditional. Toppings included chicken, pineapple, pepperoni, and hamburger. *photo by katie lashier*



Courtney King '09

Class: Sales and Advertising  
Rating: ★★★★★

Why: "Even though there's a lot of lecturing, you get a few really unique, independent projects like getting to design your own company, products, logos and actually getting to display what you've done to other classes."



# ENHANCING FRENCH *Connection*

## Students attend concert to experience culture

Students packed into a small auditorium with high school and college students to see a one-man concert. All waited in anticipation, scattered throughout the room, not knowing what to expect. The confined and stuffy space was filled with excitement for a new experience. "The concert was interesting, it wasn't what I expected at all," sophomore Claire Anderson said. "It was just a small room with a stage and a guy playing guitar singing French songs."

French students from around Iowa were invited to a concert at Central College in Pella. French teachers did not have any requirements for students to go. They promoted the event in a positive way by promising a no-homework day in French. "I wanted to attend it right away because I hadn't been on a real field trip in forever and I thought it might be fun to see a college campus," Anderson said.

The mysterious one-man performer was Eric Vincent, a world-touring performer, who visited Central to promote the French language and culture. Vincent enjoyed getting the crowd involved. "He had us sing a phrase a lot," sophomore Molly Ward said. "He'd throw it in to see if we remembered it, and he had a song where one-half of the audience sang a different verse. Then we sang together like partner songs," Ward said.

This concert was an experience for kids to test their French comprehension skills, as well as visiting a college campus. "He was kind of creepy," sophomore Thomas Winkleman said. "I doubt anyone was fluent enough to understand what he said."

The songs Vincent performed supported and enriched students' learning of the French language. "Unfortunately, I'm not very fluent in French, so I didn't pick up much from the songs," Winkleman said. "Even when he did speak English, his accent was so thick I couldn't tell the difference from his singing voice."

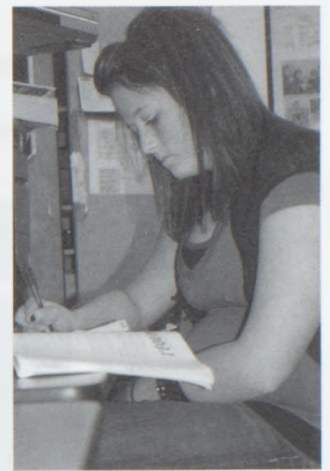
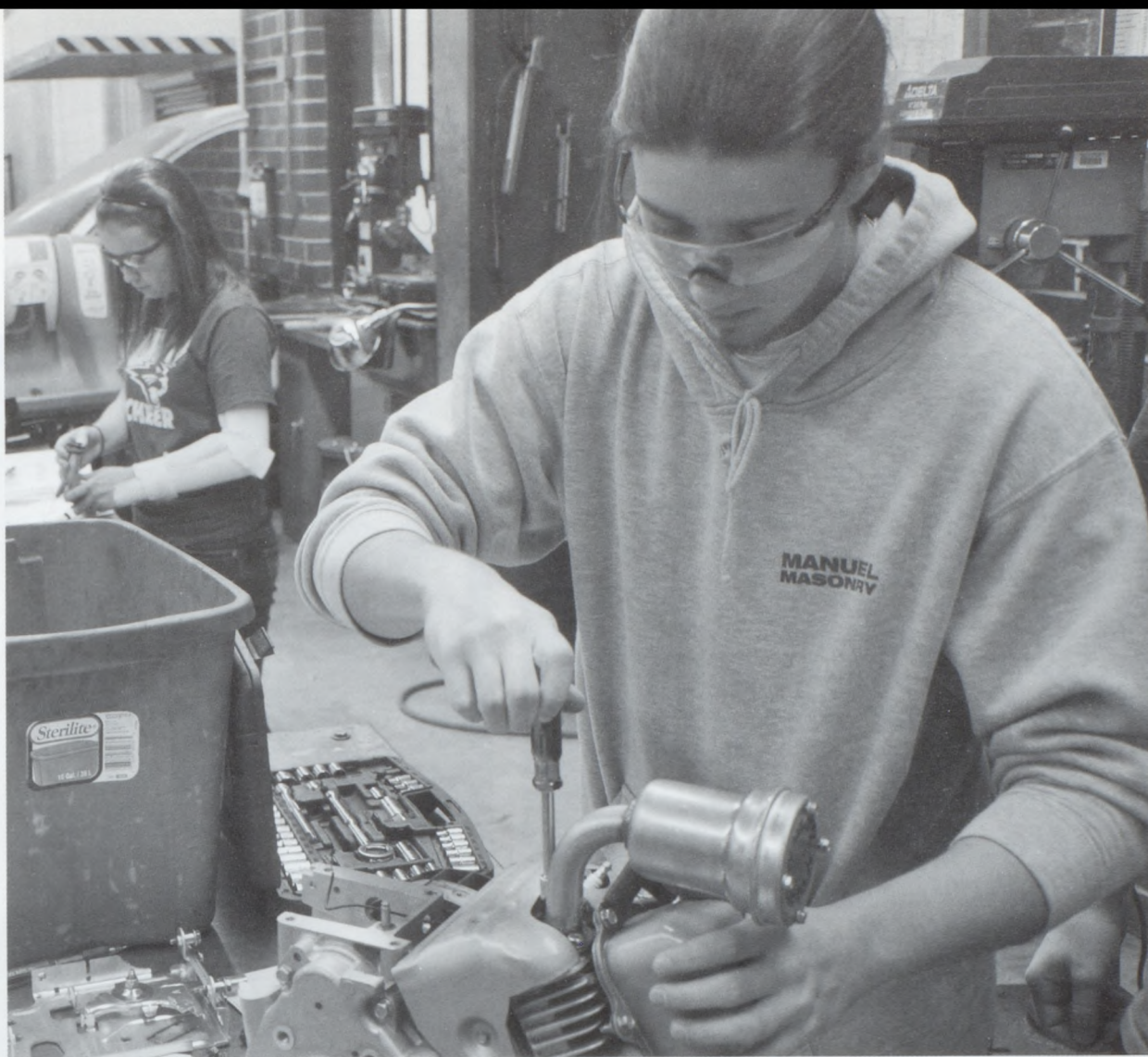
The concert was a new and creative way to educate the students by hearing something new. "I simply explained that we, in Iowa, don't have much of a chance to hear an international singer from France," French teacher Mary Moerland said. "It was a good opportunity for them."

According to Moerland, this concert was a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity. Vincent may not be returning next year, but Moerland is hoping other chances will be available so they can do something similar. "Our students seldom have a chance to hear an international performer," Moerland said. "They enjoyed themselves."

*Spread by jordin robinson and matthew courtney*

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Reading banned books, junior Lexie Swift completes her Extended Learning Program (ELP) project. "ELP is really fun. For my project I read banned and challenged books like *The Color Purple* and *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* to form my own opinions (about the books)," Swift said.

photo by matthew courtney

Working with their engines, senior Garrett Manuel and sophomore Dahlia Gordon tweak their motors. "Being the only girl (in the class) wasn't really a big deal. I took the class because I want to try a lot of different things in high school so that I can get an idea of what I want to study in college," Gordon said.

photo by matthew courtney



Sophomore Alex Bumpus grabs a dessert in Tamara Andrew's French II class. The class had a party to try French food like crepes and cookies to experience French culture.

photo by zach jensen



Sophomore Ginny Anagnost participates in a Spanish II activity. Anagnost and her classmates paired up in teams in Angela Koob's class and used buzzers to study for an upcoming test over grammar and punctuation.

photo by brooklyn drake



Sophomore Amber Solberg takes notes for her project on History Day for the Extended Learning Program. "I like the people in the class," Solberg said. "All three grades are mixed in one class so you meet a lot of people. The class also gives me time in school to work on my project which is nice because it's not all outside of school."

photo by matthew courtney



Ben  
Fincher '10

Class: French IV

Rating: ★★★★★

Why: "I gave it four stars because it was fun to go to France and use the language. Plus, I have friends like Francois (junior Matt Rose) and Camille (junior Lexie Swift) in my class."

Family Consumer Science Art Industrial Technology ELP Foreign Language



Reading aloud her slip of paper, senior Jordan Berger along with senior Elena Malycheva discuss what they would do if they could change one thing in the world. Their youth group leader at First Fedreated church handed out slips to all the members.

photo by ryan birmingham



Cramming onto an uncomfortable queen size bed, seniors Abi Bisenius, Meredith Pace, and Alec Trainer gather around a TV at senior Ryan Birmingham's house to watch a movie. Before going to Birmingham's house, they stopped at QuikTrip to get some snacks.

photo by ryan birmingham



Senior Zach Jensen and sophomore Mackenzie Berger compare Johnston's yearbook to Des Moines Christian's while at church. "Their yearbook was really small compared to ours," Jensen said. "It was about the size of our middle school's."

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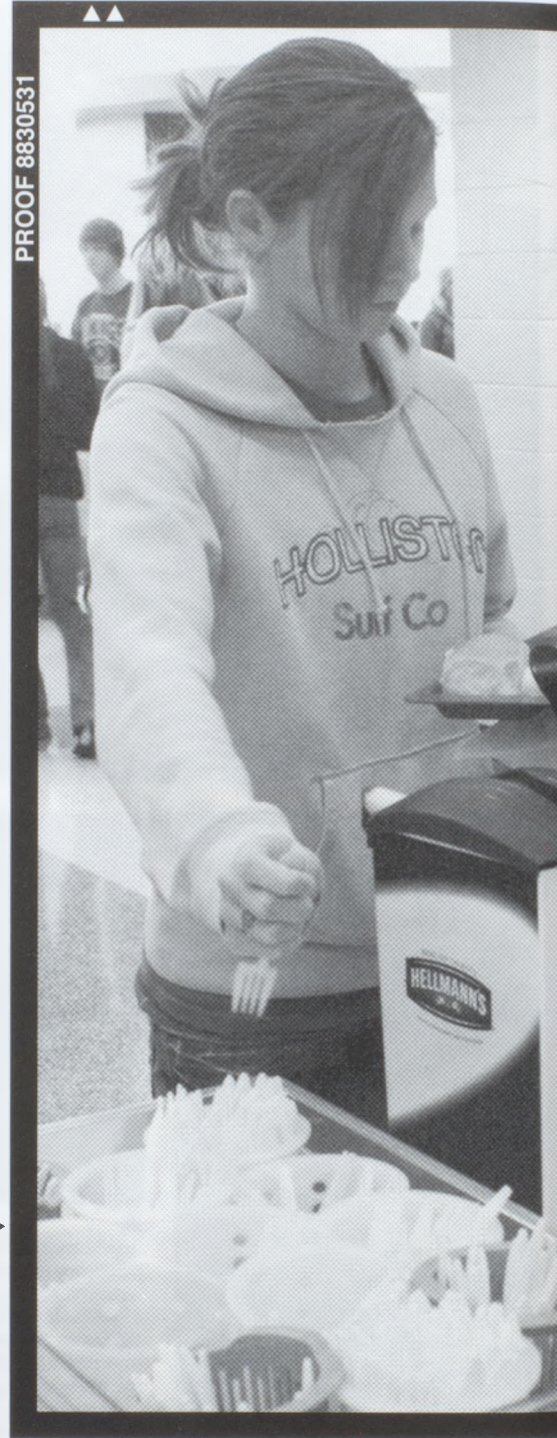
Sophomore Lauren Scott pours spaghetti sauce on sophomore Morgen Roshek's plate. Members of the sophomore volleyball team met before every home game where they ate food and did each other's hair.



photo by elizabeth schiefelbein

Stapling receipts from a customer return, senior Kandance Robar works during an afternoon at Hobby Lobby. Robar had recently switched departments. "Working in scrap booking, I can give input to management about what customers will use," Robar said.

Grabbing a fork, senior Brook Walters prepares to eat her chicken tetrazine. The lunchroom was opened Sept. 29, which was suppose to be open for the beginning of school. "I think [the cafeteria] is pretty sweet," Walters said. "I like the booths and it feels like you're in college."



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## virgo

Name: Chris Oatts '10

Birthday: September 1

He Says: "Most people wouldn't think I have those qualities but I definitely do. I am a tree hugger!"



- Organized
- In Sync With Nature
- Nuturing
- Perfectionist
- Critical Eye

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# Cafeteria

# Chaos

## CLEARs

*New lunchroom brings order, convenience*

Twenty-nine days into the long month of September the doors of the new cafeteria finally opened and students flooded in for a warm meal. "I had no idea what or how it was going to work, but I was pumped," senior Mickey Greene said.

Students walked through the new cafeteria with an open mind and explored the new design. "I love the new cafeteria," Greene said. "I think it's pretty amazing."

Previous to the opening of the new lunchroom, students were subjected to the fitness center as a way to get through the first two months of school. Junior Olivia Pace did not like eating in the fitness center. "I was disappointed when I first came in; it was cluttered, disorganized, and people forced their way past all the time," Pace said.

That wasn't all students had to say about the fitness center. "It was way too far out and it was annoying to walk all the way over there," junior Jake Wood said. The fitness center was conveniently positioned at the far end of the school, near the wrestling room. "I'm not crazy, [the placement] was just a little irritating," Wood said.

The latest cafeteria was centrally located and newly designed. "It gives the place a new café look," senior Venisa Kolubdzic said. "It looks so much bigger, which means there is more space for students."

We're growing, so it works." The improvements included a lower ceiling and more variety in tables and chairs. A window covered the entire west wall.

Kitchen manager, Boe Stoeber, had been working in the cafeteria for three years. "It doesn't look like a typical cafeteria; it's awesome," Stoeber said. "There are hardly any issues with students anymore. I think everyone loves it."

Praises for the new cafeteria came easily for most, but there were a few objections. "I don't think the new lunchroom was planned well," Wood said. "Being in an architecture class, you learn a lot about the flow of things, and I don't think the new cafeteria flows well."

The lines were another issue to some. "The problem is not really the cafeteria," Pace said. "It would just be easier if people stood like they were supposed to in line instead of like a mob of angry villagers out to raid a local treasury."

Others disagreed and welcomed the change. "I was ecstatic when I heard we were getting a new cafeteria," Stoeber said. "There is no comparison from the old one to the new one; it's just so much more efficient. It was a much needed improvement to the old tacky green color we had before."

**Spread by elizabeth schiefelbein and ryan birmingham**

Fighting for the ball, junior Daniel Ratekin attempts to keep possession against Adel. The rec team played in Johnston, and lost to Adel 6-2. The team finished the season tied for first with Adel and Norwalk.



photo by zach jensen

photo by jon krueger

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Seniors Sam Jungman and Molli Kipp cheer on the football team in the front row at the game against Marshalltown. The girls along with team tailgate helped to cheer on the football team at games.

photo by alma jovancevic



Hanging out at the homecoming parade, seniors Zach Swallow, Ashley Elliot, Nate Johnson, and Scot Stodola snack on candy that got thrown their way. The parade was held along Pioneer Parkway, where the community sat along the sidewalk.

photo by alma jovancevic



After coronation, senior Leah King finds another Johnston student to receive a hug. "It was an honor to be on the homecoming court," King said. "I had a lot of fun. I'm happy for Caroline, I think she deserved it."



photo by mindy dickerson

Getting ready for the dance, sophomore Alyx Birmingham braids sophomore Becca Campbell's hair. Senior Adam Badgley, Campbell's date, watched as she got it done.



photo by ryan birmingham



photo by matthew courtney

Smearing chocolate pudding on senior Mindy Dickerson's face, senior Olivia Schiefelbein prepares for the cheese ball game at Rock Around The Clock. "We had a strategy going into this event," Schiefelbein said. "We used all the pudding and kept her eyes clear."

Juniors Kylie Kinsey and Rachel Casciato show off their moves on the dance floor. "We had a great time," Kinsey said. "We got to see some of our friends who had recently graduated."

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## homecoming

Name:  
Austin  
Kinsey  
Sophomore



He Says: "I loved homecoming week. People gave a lot of spirit, especially on spirit day. The game was intense, everyone was there!"

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# Hot PHOTOS for free

*picture line increases with temperature of dance*

While many homecoming events remained the same, one event changed immensely – the dance. The decorations improved and the ticket sales rose, producing a very long picture line. The line was propelled by the fun and new picture styles provided by the school's new photographer, Deena Byrd.

Byrd had one goal in mind for the photos – to make them more fun and to enhance the participation. "Kids today are shying away from pictures more and more because their parents have digital cameras and can take their pictures for free," Byrd said. "I didn't want the pictures to be so formal. I wanted them to be fun so people would want to get their pictures taken."

The photos were free with the purchase of a dance ticket and ticket stubs were required for students to receive them. The free picture incentive brought in 370 students, where the total number of tickets sold was 806. "The pictures included fun props that went with the theme, but the line was a huge problem," student body president, junior Julia Manning said. "I think that in lines, rather than one, and

the future we will try and make two more students would be willing to participate."

The theme of the dance was Ice Ice Baby. However, the temperature was anything but icy. "It was really hot, and the fact that it was crowded didn't help," senior Ben Hjelmaas said. "The dance was fun, the decorations were pretty cool, but I really wanted some air conditioning."

A fiery J ice sculpture (provided by Student Council) resided at the dance, where the students could feel the flame, but wanted the ice. "I didn't think it was real, I had to go and physically touch it," senior Caroline Byrd said. Byrd was the Homecoming Queen and Aaron Schultz was the Homecoming King; other members of the Homecoming Court were Leah King, Amanda Whitney, Maddie Kintz, Cali Kness, Aaron Schultz, Jeremy Mullen, Tyler Smith, Miles Summa and Alan Nagel.

The few frivolous problems did not hinder the dance. "We spent tons of hours decorating and it paid off," Manning said. "We were all really proud of the outcome." *Spread by chrissy clark and mindy dickerson*

After doing the worm, counselor Curt Larkin strikes a pose during the teacher's annual dance at the homecoming assembly. They danced to "Can't Touch This" and the skit was once again choreographed by history teacher Alicia Roliison.



*photo by mindy dickerson*

photo by ryan birmingham

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Junior Ben Vander Ploeg and senior Nate Johnson perform during the talent show on Feb. 12. "I thought it (talent show) was a good idea," Vander Ploeg said. "It was a lot of fun to be able to perform and I think they (student council) did a very good job organizing it."

photo by Jordan Sandquist

# New Talent Brings New Traditions

Student council shows school talent

The auditorium was dark and filled with students. The spotlights shined down, in various colors, providing a light show for the viewers. All For One, the band containing sophomores Dane VanBrocklin, Nick Vogel, Blake Schlawin, Blaine Schlawin, and Brandon Miller, sang, "I love rock n' roll, put another dime in the jukebox baby..." Soon the whole audience began participating and singing along to the music.

The talent show was hosted by student council in an effort to get to know students in the building. "We (student council) had talked about it (the talent show) for many years," student council director Chris Beguhn said. "We wanted to do something like Summit's Jingle Bell Rock."

Sophomore Lincoln Eppard was head of the committee that organized the talent show. "I was new to student council, and I was surprised how much organization goes into school events, so being head of the committee was difficult," Eppard said. "However, with the help of Mrs. Beguhn, and other student council members, we put on a great show."

Approval of the talent show had to be confirmed by Principal Bruce Hukee, which took about two months. "Our problem was finding a date that worked for the faculty," Eppard said. Student council also had to agree to have the talent show every other year because it cuts

into too much academic time. Auditions were held before the talent show. "We held auditions, which brought in all kinds of acts, and we chose who we'd like to perform in the show," Eppard said. "We get to see the talents of kids involved in athletics, however there's the other side of our student body who have talents that nobody knows about because kids don't get a chance to showcase them. The talent show allowed these kids to showcase their talent, which we normally don't know of."

For others the auditioning was a scary thought. "I was a little apprehensive about the show, and wasn't sure who would sign up," student council president junior Julia Manning said.

VanBrocklin tried to calm participants' nerves. "I tried to watch all the shows before, tell people what I really like about their performances and help build confidence for them because everyone gets nervous," VanBrocklin said.

The show was a success. "I was entertained, and thought that overall there was a positive response," Manning said. "There will always be people who thought it was a waste of time."

The talent show displayed the talents the school has. "It helped me to introduce myself to the high school and its students," said VanBrocklin. "I'm not afraid to be myself."

Spread by makayla coulson and jordan sandquist

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**We Questioned:**  
 why is it important  
 for a school to have  
 a student council?

**They Answered:**  
 Because  
 otherwise there  
 would only be  
 school and sports  
 we provide all  
 the other fun  
 entertainment  
 for the school.  
 Dirk Opland '11

Senior Aaron Meyer sprawls  
 out across a medical bed as  
 he gives blood on Nov. 13.  
 "Student council does an  
 awesome job working with  
 the blood center, getting  
 students signed up for the  
 drive, and even reminding  
 them when to go," Meyer  
 said. "It's all really well  
 organized, and appears to  
 run smoothly."  
*photo by Zach Jensen*



During Spring Fling Week,  
 junior Libby Elmitt asks 'B'  
 Lunch to cheer for the best  
 dressed 'er' day contestants.  
 The week consisted of  
 different dress up days such  
 as PJ day, jersey day, tie  
 die day, and 'er' day. Elmitt  
 dressed as a basketball  
 player to show school spirit.  
*photo by jordan sandquist*



Sophomore Katie Lashier  
 collects canned goods from  
 houses in North Glen on  
 Begger's Night. "We looked  
 ridiculous, and people  
 kept telling us we were too  
 old to be trick or treating,"  
 Lashier said. "As soon as we  
 explained that we were out  
 there for a good cause, they  
 went inside to get cans."  
*photo by megan curtis*



Mixing paint, junior Morgan  
 Foldes prepares paint cups  
 of many colors to be used in  
 the sidewalk painting during  
 Homecoming week. "This  
 year had a good turnout,"  
 Foldes said. "There were a  
 lot of participants, and a lot  
 of sidewalk painting; most of  
 the organizations had a spot  
 with their name on it."  
*photo by katie lashier*



Riding his motorcycle during  
 the Johnston Homecoming  
 Parade, senior Drew Wilson  
 wears the dragon mascot  
 uniform next to the senior  
 float he helped create. "Two  
 hours before (the parade) I  
 tested it out and people kept  
 honking at me," Wilson said.  
 "The suit made it impossible  
 to ride the motorcycle, it was  
 hard to see."  
*photo by olivia schiefelbein*



Junior Carlyn O'Keefe  
 prepares volunteer, Ally  
 Chen for the collection of  
 food drive goods. "We turned  
 out getting over 1,000 cans,"  
 O'Keefe said. "It was really  
 rewarding because we spent  
 a lot of time preparing for it.  
 It was a good way we could  
 help people and have fun at  
 the same time."  
*photo by alma jovancevic*

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Extending their staffs, seniors Betsy Pilkington, Christina Aldrich, Ashley Williamson, Lindsay Frederickson and junior Chris Oatts pose for the opening of the performance. The band used music from the movie, "The Lion King." "I felt very powerful with my staff," Oatts said.  
photo by amanda gabbert/  
portraits by deena

# Breaking the Brick Walls

## Marching Dragons break 90 points

Marching strong, achieving goals and making history is exactly what the Marching Dragons have done during the 2008 season. The Marching Dragons took home three victories, one at Waukee, Urbandale, and Valleyfest Invitational. "One of our goals this year was to break 90 points," band director Patrick Kearney said. "We achieved this goal at Waukee, where we received 91.3 points out of 100. It's rare, but the fact that we achieved it represents what an outstanding band we had this year," he said.

Winning at Waukee and Valleyfest were two of the most memorable experiences the band members share. The energy and the excitement of the two brought the band members closer together as a family and allowed the seniors to leave with pride. "At Waukee, Kearney, shouted 'JHS!' and we answered 'Pride!' three times," senior Leah Peterson said. "Hearing this cheer for the last time was just so emotional and powerful; it made me think of how glad I am that this was my senior year." The victory at Waukee allowed the band members to set higher goals and believe that this year they had the ability to achieve anything, even winning Valleyfest.

The last victory at Valleyfest spurred a lot of emotions as the Marching Dragons won the day show for the first time in school's history. "I was extraordinarily emotional; I was one of probably 4 or 5 that were crying before and after," senior John Hall said. "It's overwhelming

because we did so well."

The victory at Valleyfest day show showed the amount of commitment the band members put into band. And although the band didn't place first in the Valleyfest night show they left for home with dignity. "There were so many good bands here we decided that it doesn't matter what rank we got," junior Leslie Ulm said. "We did our best. So it's not going to affect how we felt."

The band members were glad to know that their early morning practices paid off. "At first we were afraid that this year we wouldn't do as good since we lost lots of good seniors from last year," senior Leah Peterson said. "But everybody stepped up; all of us, a family of 143 working together towards the same goal, knew that together we could achieve anything."

The positive attitude and the pride the band members had in their family accounted for much of their success. Success also came from the life lessons the band members learned from the inspirational speeches given by Kearney. "Kearney talked a lot about breaking the brick wall and how it doesn't take one of us to do it, but all of us," senior Renee Durballa said. The unity, cooperation, and commitment the band put into this season helped them achieve their goals. Spread by alma jovancevic and shay lenaghan

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We Questioned:  
what was your  
most embarrassing  
moment in  
marching band  
this year?

They Answered:

At a game, my  
chair fell from  
underneath me  
and I fell on  
my (rear end).  
-JT Minor

Junior Daniel Ratekin and  
Blaine Schlawin play their  
instruments during the  
football game. The football  
games allowed the band to  
practice and make sure their  
show was running smoothly  
for future competitions.

photo by amanda gabbert/  
portraits by deena



While studying her drill book, senior Alison Blakely texts her friend Andrew Meek at band camp. Drill books marked their new positions and the count of steps to get to them. "The band was really amazing this year and it was neat to be in a group with so much potential for my senior year," Blakely said.

photo by hannah emmerson



Wearing no shoes, sophomore Cindy Xu along with the rest of the band support the charity, Samaritan's feet. They wanted to bring awareness to children who didn't have enough money to keep their feet warm.

photo by amanda gabbert/  
portraits by deena



With her mallets in hand, junior Laura Cross strikes the marimba. The band was practicing the song "King of Pride Rock." At 7 a.m. every morning, the band headed out to the field for a brisk practice.

photo by shay lenaghan



Learning their new drill spots, senior Amanda Johns points to help a fellow band member, while sophomore Sarah Mayer stands ready in place. Mayer enjoyed her first year of marching band, after playing the flute since fifth grade.

photo by hannah emmerson



Grasping onto her opener flag, senior Taylor Probst smiles to the crowd during senior Breanna Ellis' solo. Probst was wearing the cheerleader's substitute uniform for the first game of the season. She participated in both cheerleading and color guard.

photo by amanda gabbert/  
portraits by deena

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Competition Season



Sophomores Chelsea Waltz, and Emily Mentzer relax on the ballet bars of the Johnston Dance Studio while senior dancers rehearse their portion of the routine. "Ballet class definitely isn't my favorite," Waltz said. "But the people in my class make it really fun."

photo by brooklyn drake



Sophomores Megan Randolph and Kelly Poston snack on bean dip and tortilla chips while cooking a Mexican dinner with friends. They met weekly to talk and catch up over a home-cooked meal.

photo by brooklyn drake



Seniors Jacie Blunt, Tim Gerzema, and junior Libby Elmitt put frosting and sprinkles on cookies at the Best Buddies Halloween Party. The party was held at Hoover High School and consisted of ten different schools.

photo by brooklyn drake



photo by erin hunk

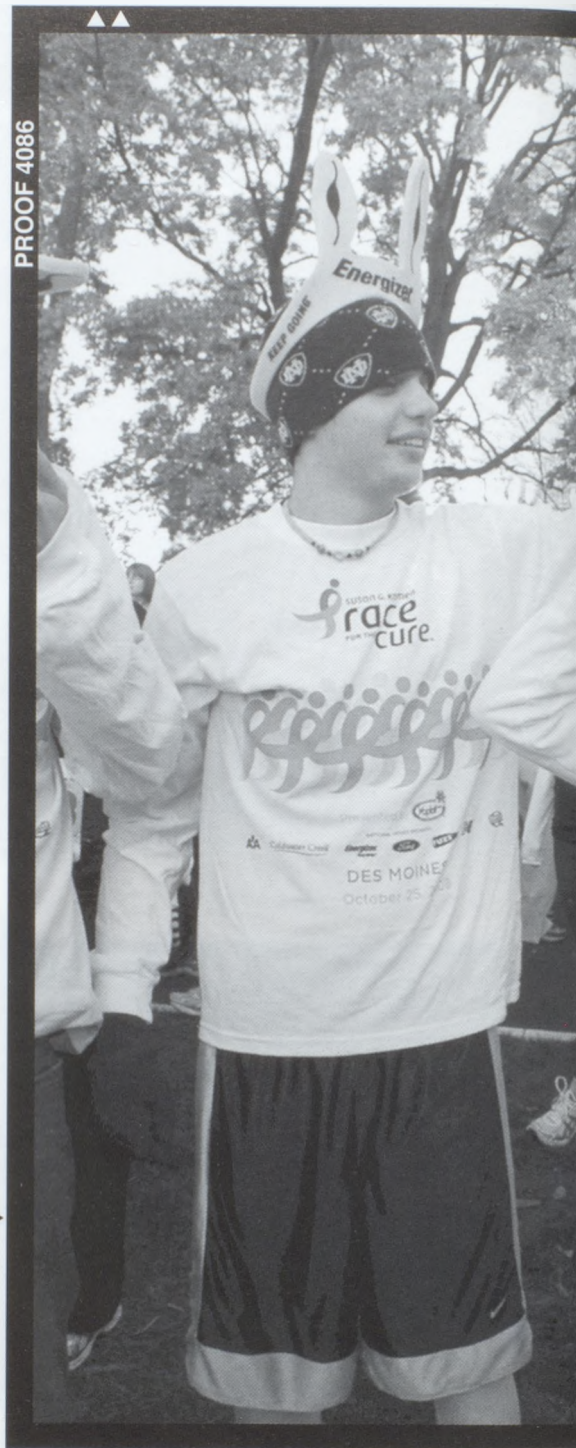
Senior Sam Jungman glides her sandwich out of the oven while working at Quizno's. "Sometimes when I work, I eat the turkey," Jungman said.

Senior Mickey Greene picks out a pumpkin at Dahl's in Johnston, accompanied by several others. Before picking out the pumpkins, the group went to Lynn's Supermarket, a haunted house in downtown Des Moines.



photo by makayla coulson

Junior A.J. Grill helps junior Abby Burch adjust her pair of pink bunny ears that were handed out during Race For The Cure. "I had never done the race before and I thought it was really fun," Burch said. "I didn't know they had all those tents up for you and stuff for you to wear to support breast cancer."



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Name:  
Dalton Leslie '11

Birthday:  
October 21



- Sociable
- Indecisive
- Charming
- Flirtatious
- Perceptive

He Says: "I am good with the ladies, I'm a charmer, too. I really cut to the core of people. I enjoy hanging out and talking to humans."

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# Racing FOR A Reason

*Athletes and students contribute to a honorable cause*

On a sunny Saturday morning, nearly 24,500 gathered in downtown Des Moines to support the fight against breast cancer by participating in the Susan G. Komen National Race for the Cure. Among the supporters were members of the cross country team and cheerleading squad. Student council members also helped to rally the student body to also join in.

Everyone participated for a different reason whether it was just for the experience or a personal connection. "Three years ago, a family friend was diagnosed with breast cancer and is now a survivor," said sophomore cheerleader Emma Gowey.

Student Council organized the first official school effort to join the cause. They passed out informational flyers, made daily announcements, and offered a free ride to the race through a pep bus.

Sophomore Paige Collison thought it was more than just helping the district. "We wanted to get the student body behind something that not only helped our school, but the surrounding community," Collison said.

Right beside student council was the girls' cross country team. The girls participated in this event as a team for a cause they thought was greater than themselves. "Our coach really wanted us to sign up because it was for a good cause and it would be beneficial to the team," sophomore Alex Hawks said. Hawks also has a personal tie to the purpose. "My grandma had breast cancer when I was younger," Hawks said.

The cheerleading squad also participated as a good experience for the girls to bond. When Gowey was asked if there was one team that was more into the race than the other, Gowey responded, "It wasn't really a competition of who got more involved, it was about the squads coming together to help raise awareness."

In the end, Iowa nationally placed a close second behind New York, attracting nearly 24,500 participants and raising over \$500,000.

Supervisor of student council, Chris Beguhn, thought it was a good start. "A little bit of work got us \$500 towards the effort," Beguhn said. "Ultimately the money is going to a great cause." Spread by meredith batz and brooklyn drake



PHOTO BY brooklyn drake

Seniors Drew Wilson, Emily Schwartz, Molli Kipp, Jessica Worley, Colleen Shannon, Kerri Dreibelbeis, Tyler Waltz, and Justin Hoellein cheer on the varsity volleyball team at the Dig Pink Rally. The rally was to raise awareness of breast cancer and funds through the sale of shirts. The team beat Indianola 3-0.



photo by olivia schielbein

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**Taking out his putter, senior Justin McCormick** prepares for Johnston's final home meet against Indianola. McCormick had the chance to attend state with the team. "Going to state was a great experience, especially for us seniors," McCormick said. "We formed a bond that I'll never forget."

*photo by allison coy*



**Watching with anticipation, senior Christian Haas** follows his ball roll near the hole and hopes to finish the course below par.

*photo by allison coy*



**Sophomore Collin Schares** warms up before a meet by trying his chip shots on the practice green near the course.

*photo by jon krueger*



**Sophomore Colin Bisenius** chips the ball onto the green, doing his best to get the shot in the hole or near it for a good putt.

*photo by allison coy*



**Hitting the ball on hole number three at Jester,** sophomore Kyle Skinner attempts to make it to the green.

*photo by jon krueger*



**Junior Sean McGowen** shakes an Indianola opponent's hand at a home meet before starting their match. "Next year we will have to work hard during the summer in order to make up for the seniors leaving," McGowen said.

*photo by steph trail*



**Looking for breaks,** sophomore Corey Schaefer waits and watches for his time to putt. Schaefer was one of two sophomores who golfed for varsity.

*photo by jon krueger*



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# Team **BANKS** ON Practice

## AFTER A BAD FIRST MEET TEAM PUTS IN MORE HOURS

The boys' golf team is dispersed throughout the different holes at Beaver Creek Golf Course during the state meet in October. The course would be a test of how they improved and whether all of their practice had paid off. State was where they would have to rely on their swings and endurance to get them through the two-day, 36 hole tournament.

The team spent a vast amount of their practice time at Jester Park Golf Course, the team's home course. They played the course and learned the different advantages and drawbacks about the way they golfed as a team. "(After the first meet) I knew it was going to be a work-in-progress," senior Mike Slavin, a varsity golfer, said.

At its first meet the team placed eighth out of 13, which was lower than the returning players might have expected after practicing throughout the summer. "I was a little disappointed, just because we didn't have as many good scores as I'd hoped," coach Steve Smith said. "I knew it'd be a long process to get our scores down."

The golfers agreed with their coach, and they knew it would take some work to improve. "(The team wasn't) as united as we should have been at the beginning of the season," senior varsity golfer Dain Opland said. "We were in a bad position and we had a lot of practice to do. I felt we had a lot of potential and we could place at state."

But despite the few returning varsity golfers, the time learning what to do on courses caused the scores to lower quickly. They placed in the top half at nine of their thirteen meets, including districts and state. "We played all the time, and worked on our short game," Smith said. "The boys were great. It seemed like a lot of the time I'd have to chase them home."

With a lot of practice time spent at Jester Park, the team clinched third at state, making this the fourth year in a row the team placed in the top four, and for the third time in four years they made it to the top three. "I thought they did a good job, (and) I think we took tremendous strides," Smith said. "Everyone got better, and that was the goal."

The team celebrated both the team's win and achievements of the single golfers who placed at state. "Everyone was really proud. We look at it all as a team experience and a team achievement," Smith said.

*spread by kristine hauser and steph trail*

**2nd**  
**place at**  
**State**  
earned by Johnston golfer



dain opland '09

"It felt good to get second on the team because I didn't have the best season personally. My favorite part of state was watching Nick put after his first round."

Date	Score	Team
8/22	<b>322 306</b>	CIML-Veenker
8/26	<b>157 149</b>	Urbandale
9/2	<b>164 166</b>	@ Ankeny
9/4	<b>301 3rd</b>	@ Ankeny Inv.
9/9	<b>161 145</b>	@ Dowling Catholic
9/15	<b>312 8th</b>	@ Valley Inv.
9/17	<b>302 5th</b>	Dragon Inv.
9/23	<b>154 140</b>	@ S.E. Polk
9/24	<b>299 2nd</b>	@ Ames Inv.
9/25	<b>157 165</b>	Indianola
9/30	<b>317 309</b>	CIML-Echo Valley
10/7	<b>322 314</b>	Districts @ Willow
10/10	<b>641 3rd</b>	State @ Beaver Creek

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Seperating from the pack, sophomore Jon Houp finishes his race at the Fort Dodge Invite on Oct. 9. The boys placed seventh at the meet.

photo by jordan sandquist

Walking through the pasta dinner line in the high school cafeteria, freshman Bryce Plew grabs a handful of grapes.

photo by jordan sandquist



Junior Stephen Shaffer comes around a turn at the Roosevelt Invite in Indianola on Sept. 20.

photo by jordan robinson



Turning the corner, junior Ben Jacobsen strides out at the Indianola Invite on Sept. 25.

photo by jordan sandquist



Sophomore Collin Schares and junior Ryan Johanson eat pizza at the team's pre-meet dinner.

photo by jordan sandquist



Sprinting towards the finish line at the Fort Dodge Invite, sophomore LJ Lipscomb completes the race. He placed 29th while the team placed seventh. "This year was my first time in high school cross country and it went a lot better than I thought it would," Lipscomb said. "We had a good team, we were really young, but there were a lot of records broken."

photo by jordan sandquist



Sophomore Drew Jackson strides out on the back stretch at the Ames Invite. The meet was the first of the season, Drew placed fourth individually and the team placed fifth.

photo by jordan sandquist



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# Bond BREAKS Records

## YOUNG TEAM JOINS TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS

After cooling off the two state runners look at each other knowing they did well. Their feelings were only confirmed when head coach Dave Beason came over, bear-hugged and congratulated them. As seventh graders, sophomores Drew Jackson and Jon Houp started their cross-country careers. Since then the two set goals to make it to the state meet before graduating high school. It was accomplished during the 2008 season; Houp and Jackson were the only ones to make it to state. With the support of teammates and a successful regular season, Jackson and Houp broke both personal and school records.

While the team was young, effort was not spared. Throughout the season the boys pushed themselves and showed they were willing to work hard. Because of the effort the team put in, they were consistently close, and proved this when some of the boys decided to go to Fort Dodge for state to cheer on Jackson and Houp. "I wanted to support them (Drew and Jon) because I'm part of the team and a captain and I wouldn't want to let them down," junior Jake Perington said. "I wanted to go watch them run." For the rest of the team it was exciting but a bittersweet end. "We thought that the whole team was going to make it (state); we were closer this year than previous years," Houp said.

The season showed growth, in performance, from last year and turned out to be a positive year for the runners. "I thought it was a rebuilding year because we improved a lot from last year, but it was hard to keep up with other teams because we were not as experienced," Perington said.

The team wanted to be there and support the two runners. "Right before the race, we went on a team jog and we talked to them. It's harder to do stuff by yourself so we motivated them so they wouldn't worry about how good or bad they do and no matter what they should be proud," sophomore LJ Lipscomb said.

At state both boys did well; they beat their personal records and even the school record. Houp received 58th at the state meet, "I was pumped and excited for the race," Houp said. Jackson also beat his own personal record, as well as beating the top school record by three seconds, with a 27th place finish at the meet. "Having the team there for support and cheering us on, it was an awesome feeling," Jackson said.

The two runners contribute their success to their supportive teammates. "Having the team there before the race we weren't as focused on being nervous, and their being there helped us focus on having fun," Jackson said. *Spread by jordin robinson and jordan sandquist*

**326**  
miles ran



"We ran a lot of miles throughout the season but our hardest workout was running to metro ice, doing 6 to 8 hills and then running back."  
**Jake Perington '10**

### Date Place Meet

9/4	<b>5</b>	Ames Invite
9/11	<b>2</b>	Johnston Invitational
9/16	<b>9</b>	Tom Karpin Invite
9/20	<b>18</b>	Roosevelt Invite
9/25	<b>8</b>	Indianola Invite
10/2	<b>7</b>	Ankeny Invite
10/9	<b>7</b>	Fort Dodge Invite
10/14	<b>6</b>	CIML
10/23	<b>5</b>	Regionals
11/1		State Drew Jackson- 27 Jon Houp- 58

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Stretching before the Indianola Invitational, senior Molli Kipp and sophomore Brittany Trow loosen their legs and backs. The team warmed up prior to every meet, but the amount varied with the time available.

*photo by jordan sandquist*



**Freshman**  
Lisa Friesth  
and sophomore  
Melinda Busch  
volunteer with the  
team at the Des  
Moines Marathon.

*photo by jordan sandquist*



**Senior Amy**  
Kruger ties  
her cleats in  
preparation for  
running at the Roy  
Griak Invitational.

*photo by kelly mcgowan*



**Freshman Madi**  
Buckley finishes  
the conference  
meet, where she  
placed 20th in  
the 9/10 meet.

*photo by ethan kumbera*



**Stretching with**  
concentration,  
freshman Taylor  
Mithelman  
stretches her  
legs before  
running in St.  
Paul, Minnesota.

*photo by kelly mcgowan*



**Junior Libby Elmitt** leads  
a section of runners in the  
conference meet at Walnut  
Ridge. "Libby was a really  
cheerful, encouraging person  
for everyone on the team,"  
junior Jordan Sandquist said.

*photo by jordin robinson*



Running in the varsity meet,  
sophomores Brittany Trow  
and Alyssa Eaves, junior  
Anna Belner, and sophomore  
Ashlee Hulbert remain in a  
small pack at the Ames Invite.  
Belner finished in the top of  
the group, claiming second  
place overall.

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# Run As One

## CROSS COUNTRY TEAM SUCCEEDS AS A RESULT OF UNITY

When looking at a runner, one may first notice the muscle tone in her legs or the dedication in her eyes. Yet, at the state cross country meet, the girls themselves focused somewhere else- their wrists. There, they saw something that sparked motivation- ink. Before the race, coach Patrick Hennes wrote the phrase "run as one" on each pair of wrists that was competing, a theme emphasized through the season.

They united at Wartburg Cross Country Camp in August. "At Wartburg we learned a lot of things that we've been able to implement throughout the season, and it led us to become a stronger unit," sophomore Brittany Trow said. "We learned that you're not a team, you're a family, and the only success there is, is with your family; there is no success alone."

Running in a pack is the best way to achieve that success, Hennes said. "Running a cross country race involves a fairly large amount of pain and discomfort, so it helps to have your teammates around you to keep you going," he said. "It doesn't mean that we will all run right with each other in races, but that we all share the same love and respect for each other and are willing to put it all on the line for each other."

The team agreed with Hennes' theory of running together. "You don't just have to rely on yourself," sophomore Amber Clock said. "If one girl is starting to fall behind we don't let that one fall behind. We can always remind ourselves that we are doing this for each other."

"Friendships are crucial," senior Emily Schwartz said. "If you have a good relationship, you listen to each other and respect each other."

Forming those relationships was a priority for the girls. "I came in as a freshman and I worked into this close group of girls," Trow said. "I did everything I could to strengthen that relationship. Sometimes you have to sacrifice your time, your weekends, what you want to do, but when something means so much to you it doesn't seem like much of a sacrifice."

The bond was made visible to anyone observing. "At regionals we all wrote 'united' down our leg with marker," junior Amanda Philip said.

The body art that emerged on the runners was unique, but appeared to serve a purpose. The team finished second at regionals, second at districts, and fourth at state. While practices and workouts were important to their success, their relationship is what helped them the most, Trow said. "If I can't find any other reason to finish the race, I look right next to me and I find my reason, a purple and gold jersey," she said. *spread by megan curtis and ethan kumbera*

**3**  
**Mr. Chung**  
**dolls**  
used by the girl's xc team



"We write inside jokes on the dolls every year, and the seniors keep them. I like it because I can look at him and remember the season."

**Alyssa Eaves '11**

Date	Place	Meet
9/4	2	Ames
9/6	1	Central
9/11	1	Johnston
9/20	5	Roosevelt
9/25	4	Indianola
10/4	26	Roy Griak
10/2	2	Ankeny
10/9	1	Fort Dodge
10/16	2	Conference
10/23	2	Districts
11/1	4	State

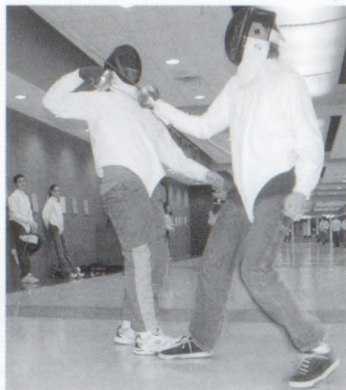
Anna Belner- 19  
Brittany Trow- 20  
Jordan Sandquist- 42  
Molli Kipp- 41  
Alyssa Eaves- 68  
Amber Clock- 65

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Fencing in the hallway after school, seniors Ethan Nutter and Eric Everett dual each other for fun. "Fencing is always fun, especially in the hallways," Everett said. "Teachers come and stare at you and give you weird looks. A parent walked in once and did a double take."

photo by ryan birmingham ▼



Sophomore Kelsey Kruse adds sugar to her chocolate chip cookie dough. "(Sophomore) Faisal (Alabsi) and I spent a Saturday afternoon baking cookies and listening to music," Kruse said. "It was a party!"

photo by faisal alabsi ▼



Senior Nicole Meyer volunteers for the Obama campaign. "I thought it would be interesting and I learned a lot about politics," said Meyer. "I became familiar with Barack Obama's policies that I wouldn't normally have known had I not been involved in the campaign."

photo by hannah emmerson ▼



Eating with her boyfriend Jasen Hammer during an Oak Leaf hockey game, senior Whitney Wheeler chats during the break between periods. Wheeler and Hammer came to support the Oak Leafs during their first home game.



photo by makayla coulson

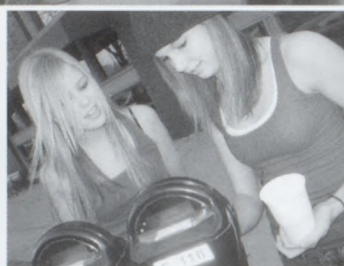


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Depositing quarters into a downtown meter, seniors Erica Stromgren and Brooke Walters pay for their parking spot. They were downtown to attend the 3OH!3 concert at the People's Court.

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Senior Staci Smith braids fellow senior Krystal Lewis' hair during senior breakfast. "We were waiting to listen to the speaker and we thought it would be fun to braid my hair," Lewis said. "Plus, I bet her \$5 that she couldn't braid it in 10 seconds. She won."

## sagittarius

Name:

Julia Binnie '10

Birthday:

November 25



- Truthful
- Easygoing
- Happy
- Enjoys working
- Optimist

**She Says:** "I would agree with truthful, and I'm really easy going. However, I don't enjoy most work and I'm definitely more pessimistic than an optimist."

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# New Cafeteria Welcomes Seniors

*Class size changes traditional location to the school*

It was 7:55 a.m. on Thursday Nov. 6. Instead of being counted and put onto a bus, seniors were being gathered from outside the halls and seated in the new high school cafeteria. In years before, seniors had always been bused to a hotel where they would be fed breakfast and then listen to speeches given by teachers who'd been selected by a vote taken by the senior class.

Some students did not like the senior breakfast location. "I wanted to leave," senior Tara McCulley said. "I didn't think it was fair that all the other classes got to leave school for senior breakfast and we didn't! I haven't been on a field trip in a long time."

Another change to senior breakfast was the food. Unlike past years where the food was catered, seniors were served food that the school had made. The school cooked eggs, sausage, bacon, pancakes, fruit and cinnamon rolls.

After breakfast was finished and everyone was done taking pictures, the seniors entered the auditorium where they listened to three teachers give speeches. History teacher Jason Jauron, guidance counselor Audrey Bell, and English teacher Sarah Wessling were

the teachers selected.

Many students thought Wessling's speech was the most memorable. "I was really inspired by the history of the paperclip," Wessling said. "I wanted everyone to have a tangible reminder of the challenge to defy whatever 'label' has been given to them and leave their mark on the world in a positive way."

The theme of Wessling's speech was Making Your Mark on the World. "I didn't really plan on saving the paper clip as something to remind me of senior breakfast," senior Mirela Sadikovic said. "I was sitting in class and really needed a paper clip, when I remembered Mrs. Wessling had given me a paper clip the other day. So now when I look at the paper clip, I know it's from senior breakfast."

Even though students were disappointed about not being able to leave the school for breakfast, they will always remember sitting in the new cafeteria with their friends. "Senior breakfast was so much fun," senior Alyssa Christensen said. "It is one of the main things I will remember about my senior year!"

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and steph trail

Junior Jon Coen and seniors Nikki Sullivan, Tyler Waltz, and Annie Gray to cheer on the volleyball team. Students traveled to Cedar Rapids to support the team during the championship game. The team won while playing in the U.S. Cellular Center.



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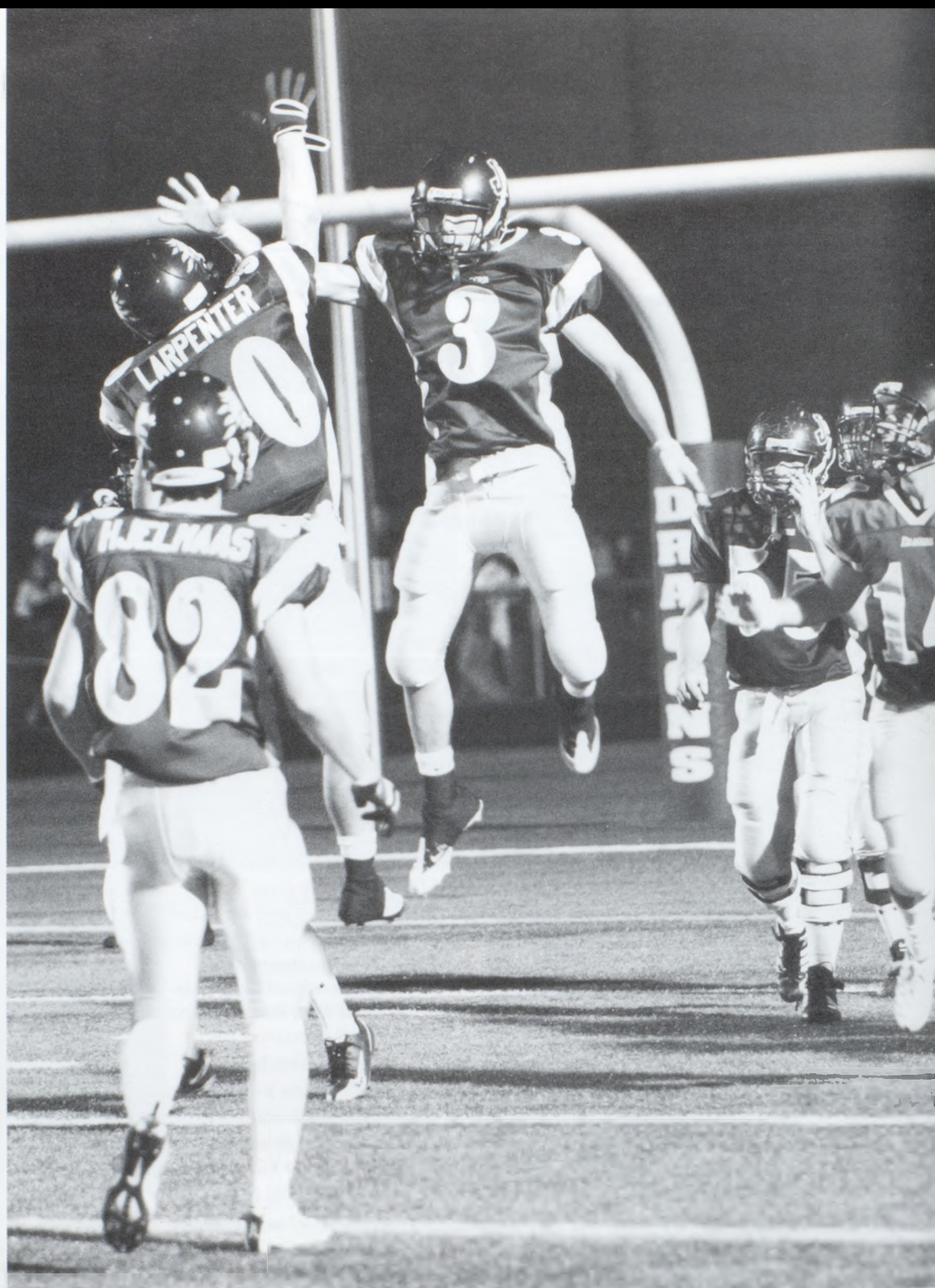
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Congratulating each other after a touchdown against S. E. Polk, senior Greg Larpenter and junior Blake Skartvedt jump in the air to celebrate. "I was excited; my adrenaline was going crazy," Skartvedt said. "The crowd was really loud and big, (it) gave us momentum."

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portraits by deena



**Senior Keaton Schuck** attempts to prevent senior quarterback Aaron Schultz from being sacked.

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portraits by deena



**Junior Troy Gordon** kicks off during the varsity game against S. E. Polk.

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portraits by deena



**Trying to stop Ankeny's offense,** junior Alec Recker and senior Jake Baumgartner make a tackle.

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portraits by deena



**Holding off a Marshalltown player,** sophomore Owen Cooper goes for a first down.

photo by amanda gabbert/  
portraits by deena



Senior Justin Amick sets up for a catch during the game against Ames. Johnston won 35-14. "It was a great way to start off our season," Amick said. "We had a lot of rushing and played really good."

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Bursting through the banner, the varsity team enters the field during the homecoming game against Marshalltown. Senior Jonathan Nelson led the team onto the field. "I just got done giving a pep talk under the goal post," Nelson said. "The band started playing and that jacked me up. I just got lost in the moment."

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# Beating THE Rankings

## TEAM TRIUMPHS OVER TOP STANDING SCHOOL

Halfway through the second quarter, the ball was snapped and it soared through the air. S. E. Polk's quarterback, junior Kody Ingle, missed the ball but regained it in the end zone. Defensive linemen senior Adam Badgley came in from the side and knocked the ball out of his hands. Badgley recovered the ball, scoring a touchdown. The crowd roared in excitement. "It was way cool," Badgley said. "At first it didn't seem like that big of deal, but after the game I couldn't believe it. It was a once-in-a-life-time deal for me."

After Badgley's play, the team rallied and its morale rose. "That (play) sucked the life out of S. E. Polk and gave us a ton of momentum," senior Ben Hjelmaas said.

The team's win was even more monumental because S.E Polk was ranked in the top five and this was the first time Johnston had beaten a school of that ranking. "Everything was kind of clicking," head coach Brian Woodley said. "Defense caused a lot of turnovers and offense scored points on the turnovers. (I) was very happy with all phases of the game."

Team members were overjoyed about the win. "After the game it was like a dream," junior Alec Recker said. "It didn't really hit us till the next morning, reading the papers and watching film. It was just crazy in the locker room."

Some teammates thought that the game wouldn't end in a win for Johnston. "(I didn't expect it) but I still had really high hopes for the game," Hjelmaas said. "The whole team was really energetic."

The team scored 62 points and only gave up 35. "(We) gave up some good plays," Woodley said. "(I) wouldn't have liked to give up 35 points."

The team had one main objective for the S.E Polk game, to stop senior Jeff Woody, S.E. Polk's main offense. "We didn't tackle as well as we know (we) were capable of so Woody really took advantage of that," Recker said. Woody gained 324 yards, scoring three touchdowns.

Woodley was encouraged by the game and thrilled that the boys did so well. "(It) challenged the kids and I'm very happy for how the kids reacted," Woodley said. "We take pride in what we do. *Spread by amanda gabbert and allison coy*

23  
touchdowns  
scored  
by Greg Larpenter



Coach Brian Lutter

"Greg is a tremendous young man and his accomplishments on the football field are a testament to his strong work ethic and positive attitude."

Date	Score	Team
08/29	35 14	Ames
09/06	56 14	Sioux City East
09/12	30 0	Hoover
09/19	52 13	Marshalltown
09/26	25 21	Urbandale
10/03	17 10	Indianola
10/10	62 35	S.E. Polk
10/17	7 48	Ankeny
10/24	10 45	Dowling Catholic
10/29	56 14	Mason City
11/03	25 32	Dowling Catholic

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Using his napkin base as the gravitation for the song, junior Jeff Oatts engages in a stomp routine. Oatts and senior JT Minor had been planning this number all of S.A.I.L. week. The stomp, performed on the last day of the retreat, brought the whole group closer together.

*photo by Alma Jovancevic*

# Group Expresses Personality

## Stressfree environment provides for opportunity

The sounds of a fork pounding on the table and a pencil tapping on a water canteen started the stomp-like performance on the last day of the S.A.I.L. retreat. Senior JT Minor, and juniors Jeff Oatts, and Eric Oatts have been planning the stunt for the entire week. Finally the performance was large enough to grab the attention of the surrounding spectators.

The sounds heard attracted all one-hundred-and-sixty-five students including Dan Scannell, the event coordinator, around the table to watch the display. "I want people to understand that this is just a snapshot of what can happen out there," Scannell said. "When kids are given the opportunity to express themselves everyone's full of fun and joy." Scannell joined along with the students, holding a microphone that projected the sound for all to hear.

For three minutes Minor along with senior Josh Wenndt, and juniors Daniel Berry, Eric Oatts, Jeff Oatts, and Libby Elmitt displayed the rhythm of their musical talents in the cafeteria. Students were enthralled by the show that they had put on. "I thought it was sweet cause I'm friends with the people who started it," senior Taylor Martz said. "And the performance they put on was just like what they normally are."

The mission of the S.A.I.L. retreat had been accomplished. "When students are in a pressure free environment they're able to display their personalities and interests freely," Alicia Rollison said. "That is what our goal of S.A.I.L. is, to get the students to open up and interact with each other in a comfortable, drug-free environment."

The retreat was a success. During the remainder of their small group activities, the students were able to identify things they felt good about. The students also set goals to bring back to the school. "I made sure to say 'hi' to students that felt leftout," sophomore Ashley Ribordy. "The retreat also made me set a personal goal, not to worry about what people think of me and just be myself."

Many students left the retreat wishing there was another one in the Spring. It brought the students closer together and enabled them to bring a better attitude back to the school environment. "I took away reassurance that everyone out there has a story, and their own personality," senior Tyler Waltz said. "You want to know what, I love the fact that people are different." *Spread by ethan kumbera and alma jovancevic*

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We Questioned:  
What does  
"getting toasty"  
with Shagbats  
mean?

They Answered:

Getting toasty  
means having  
fun and making  
memories that  
last a lifetime.  
-Tyler Waltz,  
senior

After dropping off her  
personal belongings, senior  
Kelly Mackey heads for  
Pioneer Hall to give her last  
goodbyes before getting on  
the bus. "I was thinking how  
sad it would be to leave the  
retreat for the last time, and  
knowing that I wouldn't be  
back next year," Mackey said.

photo by alma jovancevic



Sitting on the edge of a seat 30 feet above the ground, senior Colleen Shannon looks ahead with uncertainty as she gets ready to zipline. Ziplining, just one of many activities offered at the S.A.I.L. retreat, was reserved for only the seniors.

photo by alma jovancevic



Showing off his moves senior Matt Kretzinger performs the last solo to the "Crazy in Love" song by Beyonce. "Matt had his dance break at the very end before we made it rain," senior Alexa Guessford said. "This year the skits were really good, people were really creative."

photo by ethan kumbura



During group time, senior Adam Helgeson engages in a conversation with junior Gabrielle Liljedah. The small leadership groups focused on ways of bringing back positive change to the school environment by encouraging friendships.

photo by alma jovancevic

Dressed as the "Love Doctor" sophomore Kelsey Poston holds on to junior Dan Berry's hands as she's getting ready for a toss around during their group's skit. Their group stayed true to the skit theme 'Love,' by performing "One Good Love" by Neil Diamond.

photo by alma jovancevic



Playing basketball during free time senior Tyler Waltz stands by and watches senior Miles Summa go for a dunk. "I was thinking 'oh man Dan Berry just threw a frisbee at me!'" Summa said. Free time allowed the group members to engage in activities of their choice.

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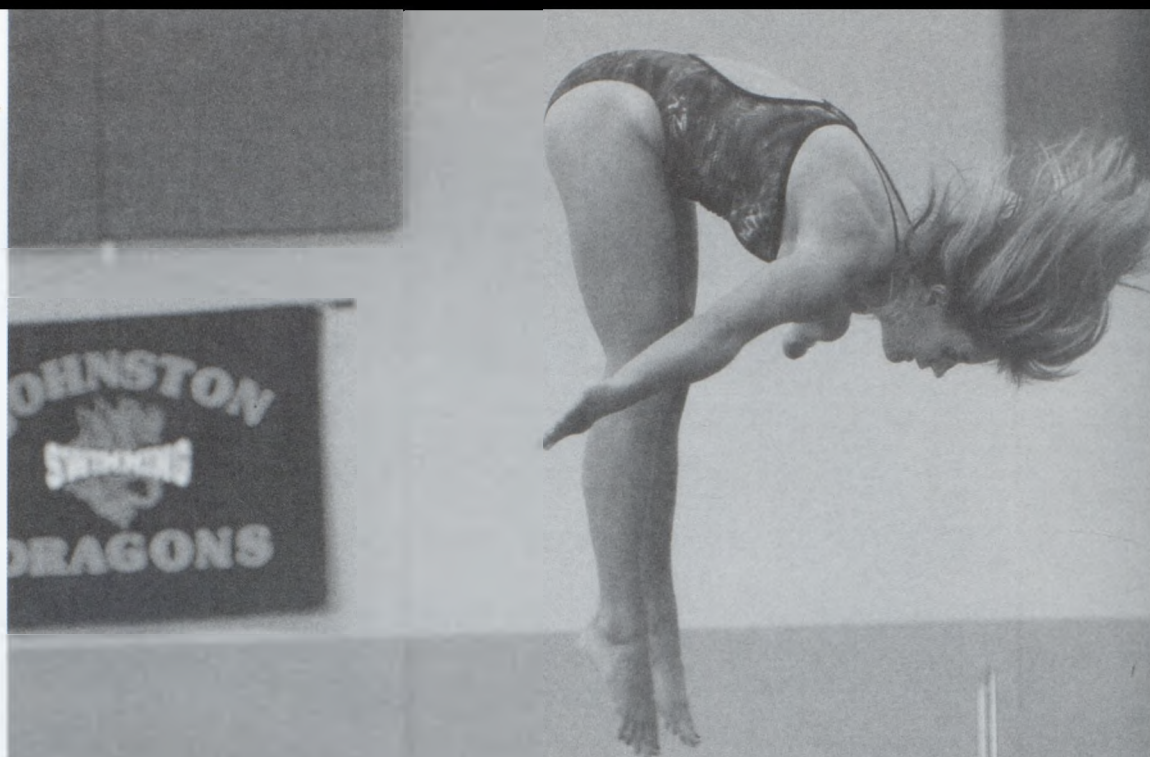
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Junior Taylor Erwine executes an inward dive. Erwine qualified for state with a total of 381.55 points.  
photo by matthew courtney



Senior Anna Kurns completes a breast stroke by gasping for air as she fights for first place.  
photo by matthew courtney



Sprinting to the end, sophomore Ashley Gillette finishes her butterfly leg in the 200 medly relay.  
photo by matthew courtney



In the tuck position, sophomore Dahlia Gordon executes an inward dive. "I love the challenge of learning new dives. There is always something new to learn," Gordon said.  
photo by matthew courtney



Taking a breath freshman jv swimmer Anna Johnson races in the 100-yard freestyle.  
photo by matthew courtney



Urbandale freshman Emma Billerbeck performs a back dive during the course of the meet with Indianola. Swimming took a break in the midst of the meet so diving could perform.  
photo by matthew courtney



Leaping out of the water, junior Julia Manning takes a breath in the midst of her 100-yard butterfly. "Butterfly is definately my favorite stroke, not only because it's the only one I'm good at but also because how powerful and strong I feel in the water," Manning said.  
photo by matthew courtney

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# Traditions FUEL TEAM Forward

## SWIM TEAM MIXES OLD, NEW CUSTOMS FOR TEAM CHEMISTRY

For the girls' swimming team, success was not only measured by the number of meets won or even the tenth of a second a race was won by, but by the traditions that each girl carried throughout the season.

The girls admitted that the cheers and pasta dinners were just as much a part of the swimming season as the amount of time they spent in the water. "We do great cheers before the meets and we also sing a song in the locker room that gets us pumped," Waukee sophomore Ashley Gillette said. "Before conference meets, we have 'fireups'. There are usually candies, carb snacks, and cute little things that make you want to swim as fast as you can."

Senior Anna Kurns knew the importance of traditions and hoped they will continue for years to come. "Swimming isn't a sport, it's a way of life," Kurns said. "You spend more time with your team than your own parents, so it's important to build that lasting relationship with them in any way you can," Kurns also believes that making new traditions is just as important as preserving previous ones.

Kurns gave fellow Johnston teammate, junior Kylie Kinsey a blue vest at the beginning of the season. The blue vest represented how traditions were passed on from teammate to teammate, from upperclassmen to underclassmen. Kinsey wore it during every meet in between races. "It makes you feel like you're a part of something bigger than just a high school swim team," Kinsey said. "You create that type of bond and it's great because it's out there for everyone to see."

Senior Meredith Luksetich stressed the importance of team and tradition throughout the season. "This year has changed because I have had to take charge of the girls and plan team bonding events," Luksetich said. "Since I was on varsity all four years, it was really important to me to know the JV girls, so they know they don't feel like they aren't a part of the team."

Senior Kelly Mackey thought of her team like a second family and believed that the seasonal traditions they had kept them closer. "I feel like the team is a big family to me. We are together so much throughout the three months, that you become very close to them," Mackey said. "We sing/scream 'Faith' before every single swim meet in the locker room to get us pumped. It started about 10 years ago, and it's still with the team now. I know we are the only team who sings this, because no team is as crazy as we are."

Traditions helped the swimmers progress and achieve its goals. The team accomplished the highest power rankings ever with 1,691 points. Alex Gustafson, Meredith Luksetich, Lizzy Gerdis, Steph Ferguson, and Dahlia Gordon had each broken school records. The girls placed eighth at state. They dropped from third due to a relay disqualification. Despite this, coach Shari Walling believed the girls ended the season successfully. "Each of the girls really contributed to making it a total team effort and have proudly represented the schools over the course of the season," she said. *Spread by monika sehic and matthew courtney*

**6 dive meet  
record broken**  
by the girls' swimming team



"I love the feeling of relief I get when I hit the water after a dive. It makes me feel empowered."

**Dahlia Gordon '11**

Date	Score	Team
9/9	93 93	Ames
9/13	2 295	Ames Invite
9/16	2 435	Marshalltown Invite
9/30	134 52	Dowling Catholic
10/7	11 64	Ankeny
10/11	1 392	Johnston Invite
10/14	39.5 54.5	S.E. Polk
10/21	121.5 61.2	Indianola
10/23	1 459	CIML Conference
11/8	8 134.5	State
200 yd Medly Relay	11	Kaytlin Tippin Hannah Dankbar Kelsey Staub Rachel Oyibo
200 yd Freestyle	6 14	Alex Gustafson Lizzy Gerdis
1 mtr diving	6	Dahlia Gordon
50 yd Freestyle	4 11	Meredith Luksetich Steph Ferguson
100 yd Freestyle	5 15	Meredith Luksetich Steph Ferguson
400 yd Freestyle	5	Lizzy Gerdis Steph Ferguson Alex Gustafson Meredith Luksetich

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At state, junior Morgan Campbell shows her excitement for the team. The Dragons made it to the state championship losing to the Ankeny Hawkettes.  
photo by zach jensen

Junior varsity player, Corrin Larkin sets up the ball for junior Cassie Curtis to spike it to S.E. Polk.  
photo by brianna ryan



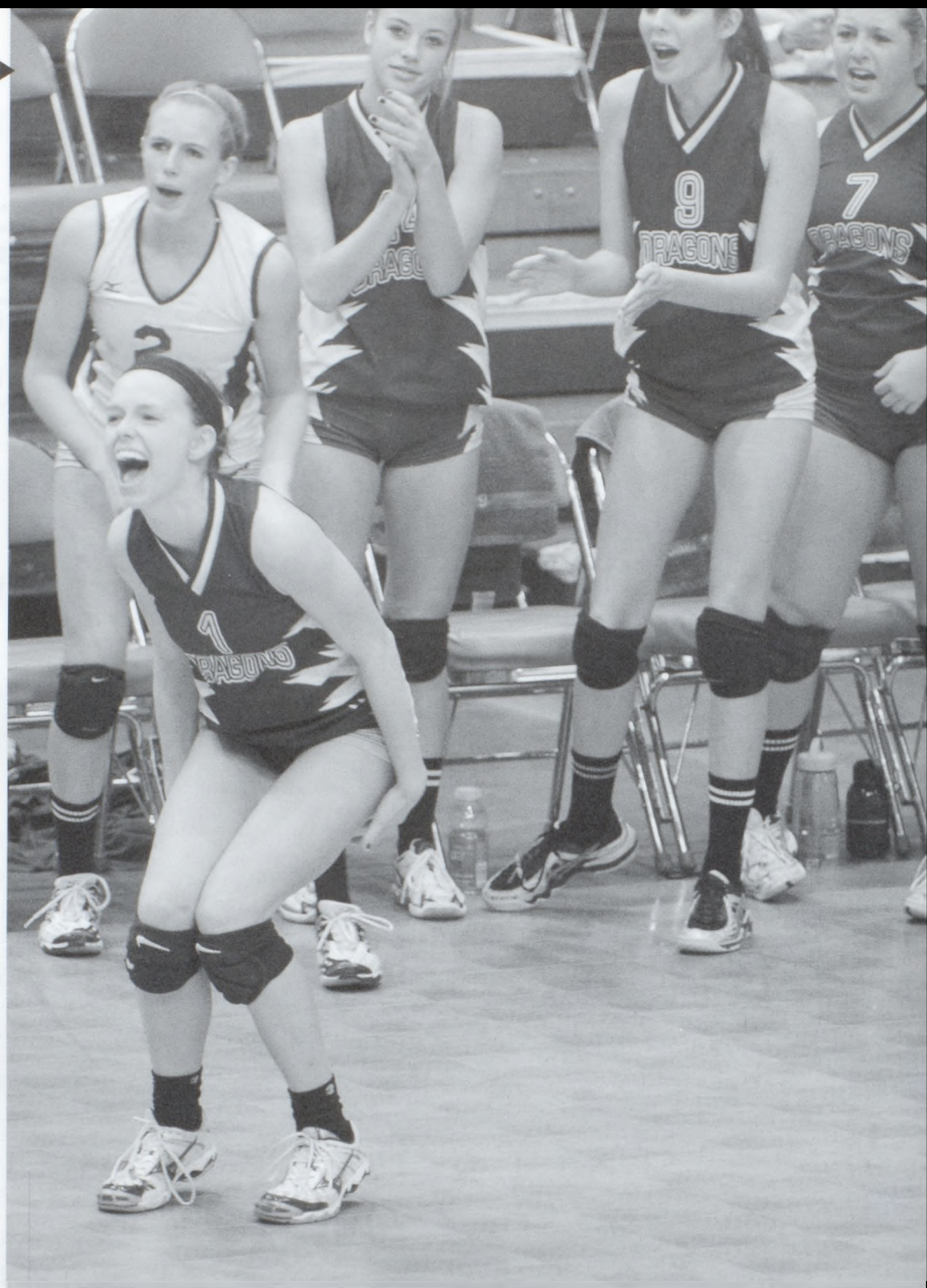
Senior Abby Sonner, prepares to serve an ace against Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln in the final regional game at Adel.  
photo by olivia schiefelbein



Spiking the ball, senior Sam Jungman earns the team a point.  
photo by brianna ryan



▲ Serving the ball to Waukee, sophomore Tory Knuth, stays in a regular serve rather than a jump serve. Johnston played Waukee in the second round, regional playoffs, winning 3 - 0.  
photo by brianna ryan



**Rich Brooks** - Coach of the Year  
**Katie Nielsen** - 2nd Team All-Conference  
**Taylor Chestnut** - Honorable Mention All Conference  
**Taylor Knuth** - 1st Team ALL-CIML, 1st Team ALL-State  
**Tory Knuth** - 2nd Team All-Conference, 3rd Team All State  
**Kari Queck** - 1st Team ALL-CIML; State Tournament All-Tournament Team  
**Abby Sonner** - 1st Team ALL-CIML, 1st Team ALL-State, State Tournamnet All-Tournament Team



◀ On senior night, Johnston hosted a Breast Cancer Awareness game. Junior Sara Stucker embraced senior Amanda Paszkiewicz after giving her a DVD, coloring book, crayons and lots of candy. Paszkiewicz shared this moment with parents, Steve and JoLynn Paszkiewicz.  
photo by olivia schiefelbein

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# Second BRINGS Sorrow

## SUCCESSFUL SEASON FINISHES WITH RUNNER UP AT STATE

In the final seconds of the last game, it finally hit them. They would not repeat; the season was over. For the seniors, this would be the last game of their high school career; they would never play with these girls again. Ankeny was having an incredible final; they answered back to everything the team had to give them but the girls never quit fighting. "Overall, the match was a hard one to play because we all knew, win or lose, that it was going to be the last one for us seniors, so we wanted to leave everything on the court," senior Taylor Knuth said, "I thought that we were going to come back and win a couple times in the second and third games, but they kept coming strong at us."

The players weren't the only ones who believed Ankeny was having a great game. "It was a tremendous atmosphere, much like the first time we played them. Ankeny was on top of their game and they came out ahead that day," assistant coach Beth Ward said. "They were quick on all cylinders. Offensively, defensively, everything."

Earlier on in the season, in a packed gym, Johnston beat Ankeny. "It was the first time both sides of the bleachers in our gym were pulled out so that more people could watch," Knuth said. "That made it really fun because we got to play in front of a lot of fans." In the same scenario at state the two teams butted heads once again. Only this time, Ankeny was much more prepared.

Ankeny was hitting better than they had in the first game, especially from the right side, and it was difficult for the girls to block. "Ankeny came out really strong and we had some issues early on," senior Abby Sonner said. Ankeny was also better prepared defensively and had their blocking down better than the first time they had met.

The girls were disappointed with the loss, but they knew that they were on the same level as Ankeny. "I think that both of our teams are very equal when it comes to skill and on any given date there could be a new outcome. Saturday just happened to be their day," senior Michelle Ness said.

Despite the loss in the championship, the girls were still extremely proud of their season. The team went 40-2, their two losses belonging to Valley and Ankeny in the final, while the returning seniors earned the titles of state runner up and state champion in their final two years. "I'm very proud, not many young ladies got to do what these young women did," Ward said. Throughout their season the girls got to be a very close knit group. "We were all so close it was just like hanging out with my best friends every day. I know that every memory we have made throughout the season will be way more important than our record ever was," Ness said.

Other girls felt the same way. "We all pretty much got to be sisters throughout the season," Knuth said.

It was a season of great success that ended with a single heartbreaking game. Ward joked that the reason they lost was because she didn't have her traditional waffle with organic maple syrup. "I had Wheaties that morning, obviously not the 'breakfast of champions,'" Ward said. *Spread by brianna ryan, katie lashier, and emily welch*

**40**  
**Wins**  
this season



"I had no idea what our record was, I was just focused on the next game. I finally figured out we had 40 wins when they interviewed me for this page."  
**Tory Knuth 11'**

Date	Score	Team
9/02	3 0	Des Moines Hoover
9/06	2 0	Cedar Rapids, Xavier
9/06	2 0	MO - Oak Park
9/06	2 0	Cedar Rapids, Jefferson
9/06	2 0	Davis County, Bloomfield
9/06	2 0	Davenport Central
9/06	2 0	Cedar Rapids, Prairie
9/09	3 1	Ames
9/16	2 3	Valley, West Des Moines
9/20	2 0	Bondurant-Farrar
9/20	2 0	North Polk
9/20	2 0	Grandview Park Baptist
9/20	2 0	Knoxville
9/20	2 0	Ballard, Huxley
9/23	3 2	Ankeny
9/30	3 0	Dowling Catholic
10/04	2 0	Oskaloosa
10/04	2 0	Spencer
10/04	2 0	Holy Trinity Catholic
10/04	2 0	Bishop Heelan, Sioux City
10/04	2 0	Ames
10/04	2 0	Western Christian
10/07	3 0	Urbandale
10/11	2 0	Ottumwa
10/11	2 0	Grundy Center
10/11	2 0	Fairfield
10/11	2 0	Nevada
10/11	2 0	Fairfield
10/14	3 0	Southeast Polk
10/16	3 0	Pella Christain
10/18	2 0	Boone
10/18	2 1	Des Moines, Roosevelt
10/18	2 0	Webster City
10/18	2 0	Southeast Polk
10/18	2 0	Waukee
10/18	2 1	Valley, West Des Moines
10/21	3 0	Indianola
10/30	3 0	Waukee
11/04	3 0	Council Bluffs
11/12	3 1	Cedar Rapids, Prairie
11/14	3 2	Cedar Rapids, Kennedy
11/15	0 3	Ankeny

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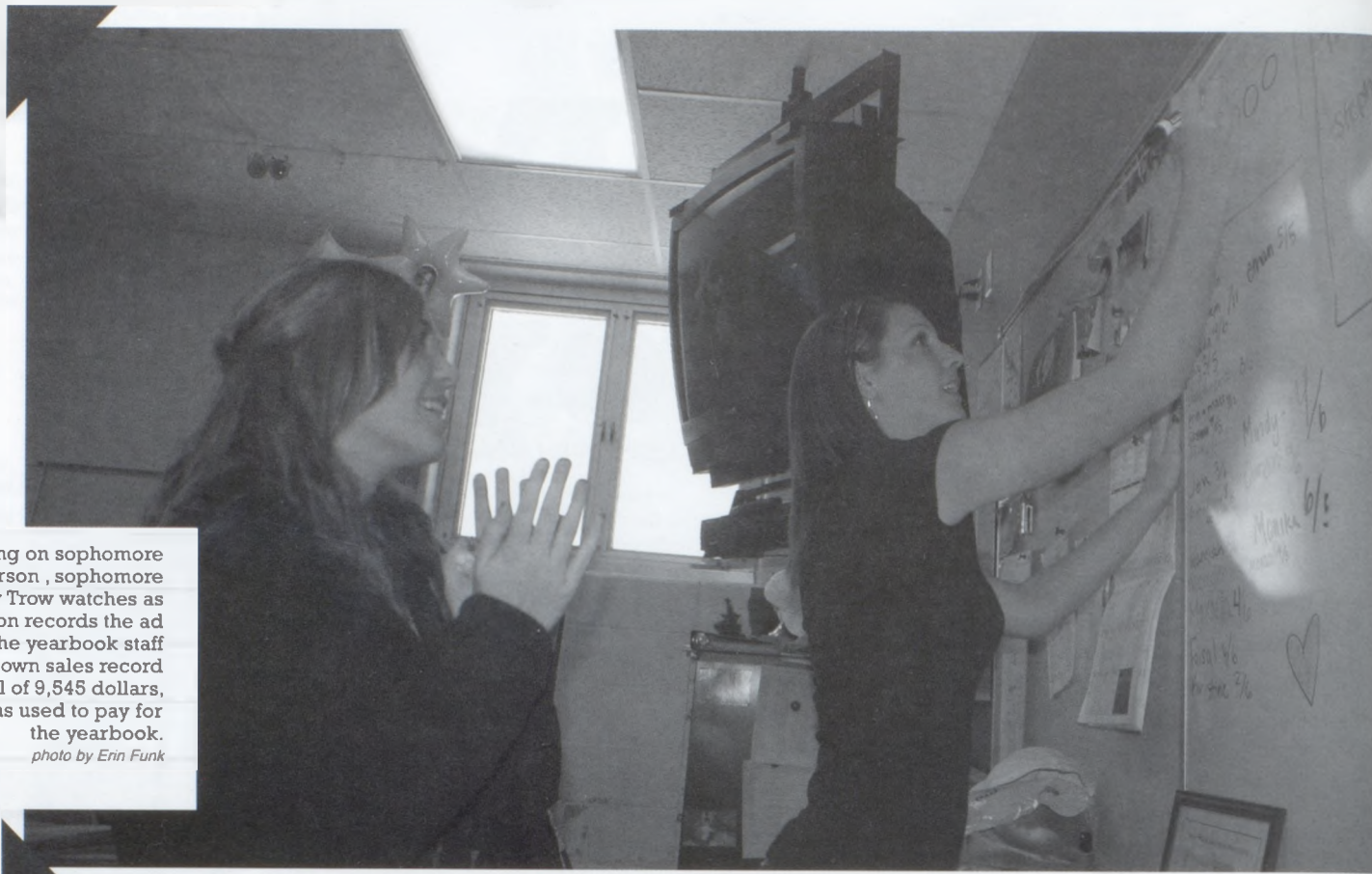
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Cheering on sophomore Kara Anderson, sophomore Brittany Trow watches as Anderson records the ad totals. The yearbook staff broke their own sales record with a total of 9,545 dollars, which was used to pay for the yearbook.

photo by Erin Funk

# Advertisements Provides Potential Recordsetting Money Buys Opportunities

Students chatted amongst themselves while senior editors Olivia Schiefelbein and Erin Funk lectured about yearbook ads. Many students had recently joined at the start of the year, or the "babies," of yearbook learned about the ads. "I love the babies," Olivia said. "It gets frustrating sometimes, but they're fun." Jaws dropped when they learned about selling ads. It included going into businesses and persuading them to donate \$85 to benefit the design of the book. Some businesses refused to talk to the students; others cooperated and didn't give them any hassle about the ads.

The goal at the beginning of the year was to reach \$10,000. This was almost made for the first time since 1990. The ending amount of ad sales was \$9,545.

Sophomores Kara Anderson and Brittany Trow worked hard to make this number happen. "Stress, stress and more stress," Anderson said. "We were turned down like 50 bazillion times. No, literally it was like 75 businesses."

Her partner Trow was also overwhelmed. "I didn't understand at first," Trow said. "(Selling ads) was harder than I thought."

For Anderson and Trow, it was mission impossible. Leslie Shipp, yearbook advisor, dropped their grade to motivate them.

"Anybody can sell an ad. You have to be persistent," Shipp said. "It's a black and white grade you deserve."

Shipp refused to improve grades until the deadlines had been met. "She let me fail until I picked myself up," Trow said. "I got nervous going into a bar. Some places were nice and it wasn't a big deal."

Other babies were sophomores Christine Clark and Elizabeth Schiefelbein, who helped make the 9,545 mark. "I got pressure from Elizabeth to sell ads," said Clark.

Babies had to sell five ads and veterans had to sell six ads. If staffers teamed up, they had to double the amount of ads to sell. Working together, Elizabeth and Clark managed to reach their goal of 10 ads. "It's easier over the phone to sell ads," Elizabeth said. "It sucked walking out, knowing you'd have to go to a different place."

With so many new staffers in the class, the chance to make more money was possible. "When we have more money, we are able to carry out (senior) Hannah Emmerson's wild imagination," said Funk. "At the end of the day, Olivia and I are just the parents paying for our daughter Hannah's new car, or in this case a very expensive yearbook."

Spread by Mindy Dickerson and Emily Welch

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We Questioned:  
why do you go  
to yearbook?

They Answered:

"I go to yearbook  
because I  
love dancing  
with everyone,  
serenading (Senior)  
Mindy (Dickerson),  
and the atmosphere  
is amazing."  
Faisal Alabasi '11

Gathering around a  
chocolate cake that senior  
Mindy Dickerson brought for  
a party, senior Jon Krueger  
manages to have his cake  
and eat it too. "I hate the  
temptation of cake, but it was  
just too good to resist,"  
Krueger said.

photo by mindy dickerson



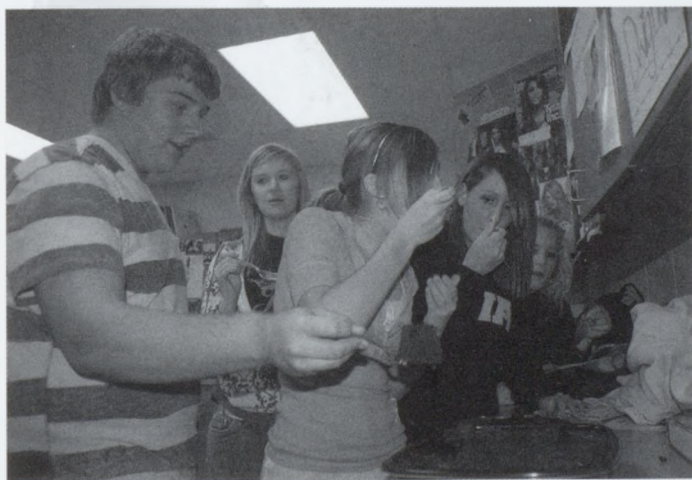
Determined to finish their  
senior mug pages on time,  
sophomores Katie Lashier,  
and Shay Levaghan place  
pictures into their layouts.  
Mug pages consisted of  
several candid photos of  
a specific person chosen  
randomly by a random  
number generator.

photo by faisal alabasi



Asking senior Hannah  
Emmerson for help,  
sophomore Monika Sehic  
receives guidance on her  
second deadline mug  
page. Emmerson pulled  
double duty as the Design  
and People editor.

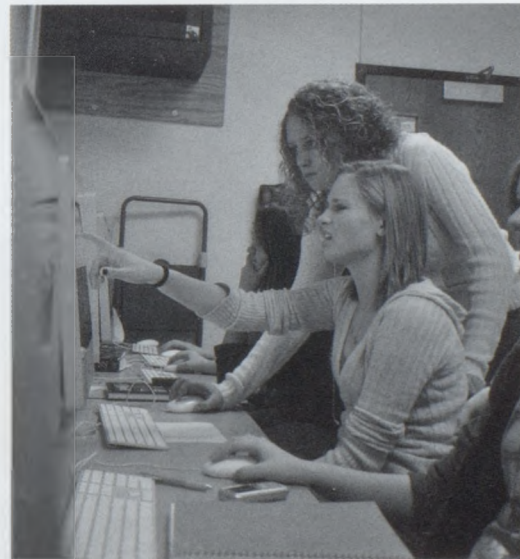
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Taping her yearbook layout  
onto the j-lab window, senior  
Makayla Coulson completes  
her rough deadline.

Yearbook members had  
to tape their layouts to the  
windows to show that they  
had completed their pages.

photo by mindy dickerson



Getting sisterly advice,  
sophomore Elizabeth  
Schiefelbein receives help  
from sister, senior Olivia.  
"She drives me crazy most  
of the time, but I love having  
her there to help me with all  
of the yearbook craziness,"  
Elizabeth said.

photo by mindy dickerson



Getting low, sophomore  
Chrissy Clark attempts to  
learn Beyonce's "Single  
Ladies" dance during a  
yearbook party. "Everytime I  
hear 'Single Ladies' I think of  
the whole staff embarrassing  
themselves," Clark said.

photo by mindy dickerson

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**We Questioned:**  
 what was the most  
 difficult part of  
 changing the  
 newspaper layout?

**They Answered:**  
 "when we did the  
 switch there were  
 so many things that  
 could have gone wrong  
 and we needed to  
 be perfect, so the  
 hardest thing was  
 pleasing ourselves"  
 - Dwight Lykins, junior

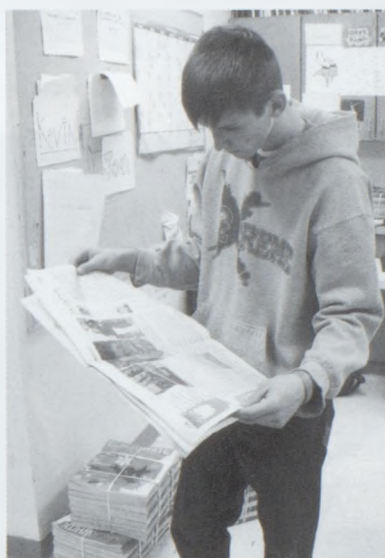
Senior Stephanie Ivankovich  
 hands out a newspaper to  
 sophomore Alex Bumbus  
 before school in the front  
 foyer. "I really like reading the  
 opinion articles every issue  
 because it's actually about stuff  
 I'm interested in," Bumpus said.  
*photo by amanda gabbert*



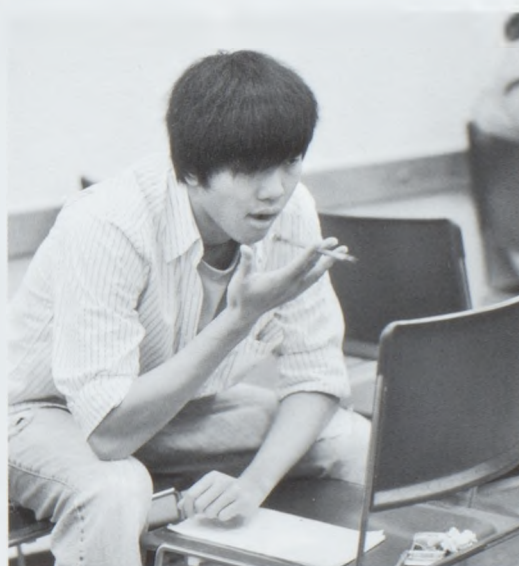
Listing out the distribution  
 places, senior Caroline  
 Byrd, opinion editor, begins  
 to organize the upcoming  
 issue of the newspaper.  
 "As an editor this year I  
 have really stepped up my  
 leadership," Byrd said. "The  
 underclassmen need some  
 examples to follow next year  
 when we're not around, and  
 I think all of the editors are  
 trying hard to do that."  
*photo by amanda gabbert*



Senior Haley Johnson  
 and junior Julia Manning  
 look through photos at  
 Flannigan's Bar & Grill  
 in St. Louis. Johnson and  
 Manning, along with 19  
 other newspaper and  
 yearbook staff members  
 went to St. Louis for the  
 National Scholastic Press  
 Association Convention.  
*photo by amanda gabbert*



Standing in the journalism  
 lab, junior Ben Vander Ploeg  
 intently looks over the newest  
 issue of the newspaper. "It's  
 always interesting to see our  
 hard work come together in  
 the end, to hold the final copy  
 in your hands and see how  
 your story fits into the issue as  
 a whole," Vander Ploeg said.  
*photo by amanda gabbert*



Junior Kevin Hu concentrates  
 at Drake University while  
 writing an opinion piece  
 for a contest at the State  
 Journalism Convention.  
 "Being in a room full  
 of writers, rummaging  
 through notes and writing  
 50-words-a-minute was really  
 intimidating," Hu said. "I  
 tried to block everything out  
 and just write my article."  
 Hu placed first in the contest  
 with his piece on how boring  
 the keynote speaker was.  
*photo by amanda gabbert*



Slowly but surely making  
 their way up the stairs, junior  
 Phil Mortens and senior  
 Jeremy Mullen try to carry a  
 wagon-full of newspapers to  
 the journalism lab. Halfway  
 up Mullen decided to strand  
 Mortens and run back to get  
 another stack. "I was pretty  
 mad because I had to stand  
 on the stairs with the old red  
 wagon resting on my legs for  
 like 20 minutes," Mortens said.  
*photo by amanda gabbert*

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# Wistful WINTER

Going over a ramp, junior Alex Piechl takes his mountain bike for a ride in February. "It's one of those things that at first you think it will be awesome," said Piechl. "After about five minutes you are thinking 'what did I get myself into?'"



Photo by zach winjum

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Carefully placing sprinkles onto her tree cutout cookie, senior Devyn Lenaghan bakes during her winter break. Break consisted of a whole two weeks off for students to relax and study for finals.

Cold wind canceled classes across the state.

Causing chaos during finals.

Chaos in the economy grew each day.

Financial hardships fell on many.

While rival Urbandale fell to the Johnston boys basketball team.

Earning us a third place finish at state.

Students wished the winter would end,

And spring would come.

This was a Wistful Winter.

Sophomore Emily Parker keeps her eye on the hoop as she takes a free throw shot in a home game against Ankeny. The Dragons pulled through a victory with a 40-23 win.

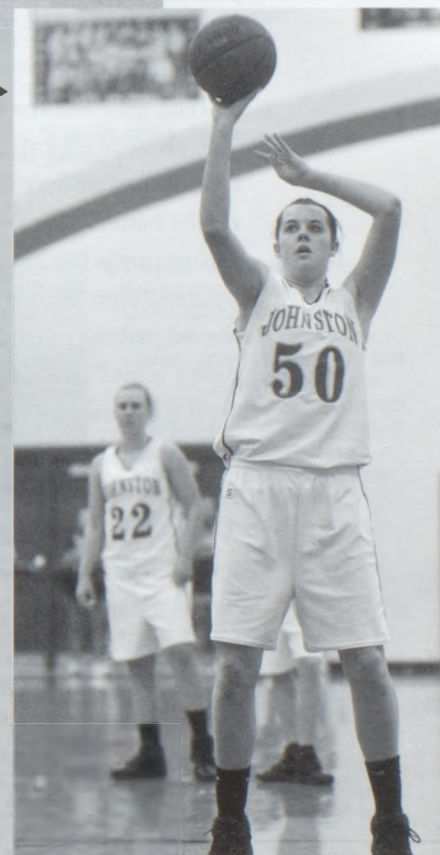


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# PICKING UP THE *Pacer*

## Physical education works for better test results

Walking into the gym, sophomore Drew Jackson gets ready for a test. "Beep." "Beep." "Level one." Sprinting purple line to purple line, the momentum builds and the levels rise. Finally, the beeps end and Jackson sits down after reaching level 169 sprints, the best in the school. "I think I did so well because I run cross country and track," Jackson said.

First semester's pacer test scores were the lowest. The physical education teachers got together and discussed what they could do to help make these results better. "Our goal was to be 75 percent or higher in the healthy range of all of our tests," P.E. teacher Brian Woodley said. "We only ended up in the 50 percent range in the healthy zone, which we didn't want." For females, the recommended healthy level is 32 and the male average level is 61. "We give the students these numbers as an incentive to get over that number and push themselves," Woodley said.

Some thought this was the worst test in P.E. because it took the most effort. "You had to work the hardest for this one," junior Morgan Foldes said. "A lot of people didn't push themselves hard because you don't want to sweat, and the drive to really push yourself really isn't there. Your score doesn't affect your grade, and some students are not that concerned with their P.E. grades."

The pacer test was not part of the P.E. grade.

Thus, some people did not try on these tests. "As much as I don't want to say this, I would have to say that the pacer test has to be worth points or to be a part of the grade," Foldes said. "I also believe that if you really want students to try, it needs to be during a time when they aren't afraid to push themselves, whether that makes them sweat or not. That is the number one reason girls don't try."

Bringing grades into this situation won't eliminate the problems. "Even if it was a grade, I still don't think people will care because I see people who miss or skip P.E. all the time," sophomore Megan Jensen said.

By the end of the year, P.E. teachers hope to see an increase in the pacer test scores. "This test pushes you out of your comfort zone so, I think that is why we don't see people giving their best effort," Woodley said. "So we're going to spend more time practicing cardio to get in shape, and encouraging and challenging kids to give an honest effort."

The goal for this semester was to work on getting better scores for the pacer so students can achieve that goal of 75 percent. "Kids are going to hate me for this, but if they want better results, we're going to have to start doing more running in P.E.," Jackson said. "I'm not going to lie; it sucks if you push yourself, but it's fun to be competitive." *Spread by zach jensen*





▲ Senior Taylor Probst gives her final speech in Myths and Legends. For the class final, they made up a superhero and gave a speech. "It was different than a regular final," Probst said. "I thought it was easier than just taking a test. Making a Facebook profile and creating the life of a superhero was a refreshing change from taking a test that determined 20 percent of the semester grade."

photo by olivia schiefelbein

◀ Getting tackled by sophomore AJ Vinticher, junior Ben Vander Ploeg attempts to throw the ball past the goalie to hit the ball off the cone. "When Mr. Woodley was first explaining the rules of cone ball I thought it was going to be really lame, but when we first started getting into it I realized this game was sweet," said Vander Ploeg. "I really enjoy the fast-paced game."

photo by zach jensen



▲ Striding on the elliptical, senior Shelby Brose does her workout in Track 1 Individual/Personal Fitness "I like this class because it is personal fitness and we do it for ourselves," Brose said. "Instead of a team being a winner, we count ourselves as a winner, and we set goals for ourselves and work towards them."

photo by zach jensen



▲ Junior Paige Doherty and senior Cody Lenz work on their timeline for the book "Troy" in English teacher Ed Walker's class. "I liked all of the interesting things we got to learn about other cultures and the movies we got to watch," Doherty said. "I didn't like how many projects we had to do, especially the semester long build-your-own Pantheon project."

photo by zach jensen



◀ Displaying his government poster to the class, senior Colton Schaben explains how people try to influence others' political ideals to get their candidate voted into office. During this chapter of interest groups, government teacher Ben Knight let students teach the sections to the rest of the class.

photo by zach jensen



Kayla Ward '10

Class: World Literature

Rating: ★★★★★

Why: I liked reading Kaffir Boy because it depicted apartheid South Africa very well. It was interesting how I can look into other peoples culture and society and see the difference between ours.

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# STUDYING WITH *Serpents*

## Students get close to animal friends

Slithering in and out of pockets, Peaches, the Amelanistic Corn Snake in Kyla Burns' fifth hour Advanced Life Sciences class was held by her caretaker before feeding time. Assigned to Peaches, as caretaker, was senior Breanna Ellis. "I think the class is a great opportunity for those who want to learn how to handle and take care of animals," Ellis said. When allowed, Ellis took every opportunity to allow Peaches to wrap around her arms and shoulders. "I really like holding her," she said. She is such a sweet snake and I feel so comfortable around her."

While a great deal of students shied away from holding the snakes in class, Ellis found it refreshing. "It actually doesn't feel all that weird. Sometimes you forget she's there. Except, when she goes on your neck or in your hair...then it gets a little weird."

Snakes weren't the only animals in the class that garnered adoration. Junior Austin Polson chose to take care of the Mali Uromastyx, Gimli. "I like how he acts like a dog," Polson said. "He licks your finger when we feed him." Taking care of the animals added a new twist to a fairly regular science class. "I like how I'm learning without feeling like I'm just being lectured the whole time."

Students liked learning about animals to which

they normally would not be exposed. Junior Danielle Stansberry enjoyed the ability to take care of an animal without having to do most of the work. "I like having a pet that I can learn about and take care of without actually 'having it,'" Stansberry said. "I get to play with it and feed it at school, but I don't have to clean its cage or anything. I like getting the easy part." There were a variety of animals that required care, but not all were loved by every student. "In general, I don't like birds just because I'm always paranoid they will poop on me like any other animal and they can be loud," Stansberry said.

Teacher Kyla Burns brought something new to the table when she allowed students to take care of animals as a part of the curriculum. Burns wanted to bring the class to life in order to allow students exposure to animals. "It's a good motivational tool because it gets students interested in science."

Students found it easy to come to class everyday because of the hands-on activity involving animals. The unconventional idea seemed to break up the monotony of usual science. "I hate always doing the same thing, it's boring and I lose interest. Mrs. Burns keeps it fun," Stansberry said. *Spread by hannah emmerson and kristine hauser*





▲ Leaning around his lab partner to check for a reaction, sophomore Alex Hjelmaas watches junior James Sevenich mix a solution in chemistry. The two worked together throughout the semester in science teacher Chris Beguhn's class and studied for tests before school.  
*photo by jordan sandquist*

◀ Explaining her intended presentation to Advanced Life Sciences teacher Kyla Burns, Danielle Stansberry brought her assigned classroom animal, a Leopard Gecko named PB, to show the second graders at Wallace Elementary. "If I was in second grade again, I would have loved it if some high schoolers brought animals for me to learn about," Stansberry said.  
*photo by hannah emmerson*



▲ Sophomore Ryan Kitchen grabs the next puzzle piece he needs to construct a foam cube in geometry. Students built cubes in class to occupy themselves after they completed an assignment. Students tried hard to finish their homework during class so that they'd be able to complete the cube.  
*photo by megan curtis*



▲ Looking up at the projector screen in trigonometry, senior Jake Heil sets up a problem on paper while running the math through his calculator. Trigonometry was about learning the last algebra skills which included solving and graphing complex equations to find solutions.  
*photo by ryan birmingham*



◀ Reluctantly touching the snout of a preserved cat, junior Sarah Hurm continues to dissect the animal in Kevin Schulte's Anatomy/Physiology. "I loved that class," Hurm said. "I mean, it is hard work and difficult, but it's really pretty awesome. Going into that class helped me realize I want to be a neonatal nurse after high school."  
*photo by steph trail*



Sydney Christensen '10

**Class:** Algebra II

**Rating:** ★★★★★

**Why:** Some of the stuff we learn we won't need, but we need to learn them to pass the class. And the teachers aren't all bad.



# DICEY DECISIONS DISH

# Dialect

## Student learns French through friends

Most state colleges require at least two years of a foreign language. This does not mean that a student cannot learn another language outside of a regulated class, although it is rarely pursued. Junior Matt Knoedel decided to attempt learning another language after taking three years of Spanish. The lack of room and time in his schedule didn't allow another class, so after entertaining the thought of pursuing French, Knoedel turned to friends for help. "I thought it would have been kind of cool to take French," Knoedel said. "I was tired of being the only one of my friends to not be able to speak it (French) and not being able to understand my brother and friends, so I got them to help me."

Knoedel participated in Sue Cline's Extended Learning Program (ELP) class and decided to make learning French his ELP project. "The ELP project guidelines are pretty vague, but as long as they address the goals of ELP and get it approved they should be fine," Cline said. "I like this project because it's unique."

The project was different because Knoedel was going to collaborate with others to help make his project a success, although his friends also could have been the downfall of his project. "Matt's project will depend on others; it's not dangerous, but I often caution kids that rely on others," Cline said. "If their friends don't have time, they can get into trouble with their projects."

Helping to make this project a success was fellow ELP classmate, junior Kyle Soyer. "I don't consider myself to be

good at speaking French, but I agreed to help him because I was tired of hearing him use French phrases his brother (Michael) taught him," Soyer said. "I think he'll do a good job because he already knows the basics, but he definitely won't be able to speak it fluently." Soyer was asked to check worksheets that Knoedel made and help him constitute a greater French vocabulary.

Foreign language classes taught students the basics and provide what books alone could not. The classes were recommended to students; however, learning was still possible outside of the class if the student was willing. "If he is extremely motivated and has a good learner-type program, such as a spoken component or Rosetta Stone, he'll be able to learn some French," French teacher Tamara Andrews said. "To reach reading level is a possibility and unlikely and rare, but if he works hard he could learn some."

The work for this project involved a group effort and patience. "The guys are doing it out of the goodness of their hearts," Cline said. Cline was referring to the fact that Soyer and junior Joe Payne helped Knoedel on his project while working on their own projects simultaneously. "I think Matt will have to put in three to three-and-a-half hours of work a week to be well accomplished," Cline said. "No one has ever done something exactly like this. I'm excited to see the outcome and sure the experience will have a lot of benefits." *spread by mindy dickerson and kofi manteaw*





▲ Trying his best, sophomore Tyler Nearmyer answers questions from French teacher Tamara Andrews and sophomore Anissah Kuyateh. He was asked to respond to questions in French while Anissah played the role of a game show host at the front of the room.

*photo by kofi manteaw*

◀ Junior Matt Knoedel uses his iPod Touch to aid him on his French project for ELP. To do this, he used a French translator on his iPod which enabled him to look up a word and hear how they were pronounced.

*photo by mindy dickerson*



▲ Inspecting under the hood of a car, junior Cole Richards checks the oil and coolant levels. The car that he worked was Matt Joslin's. During the course of the Auto Tech students brought in their cars for minor things such as an oil change. "It's one of the easiest things to do on a car and the most neglected," Richards said.

*Photo by kofi manteaw*



▲ Keeping their minds sharp while still having fun, seniors Linda Brown and Ben Hjelmaas play an ELP trivia game. The game was similar to quiz bowl in which students answered questions about facts they should have known.

*photo by mindy dickerson*



◀ Sophomores Andrew Vander Zwaag and Joey Ridenour cut wood for a bridge that they designed. The goal was to design a bridge that would hold the most weight. To design the it, they used the program Inventor. "Building the bridges was a very productive experience and it was a good real-life experience," Ridenour said.

*Photo by kofi manteaw*



Jaime Baird '10

**Class:** Spanish

**Rating:** ★★★★★

**Why:** I took Spanish as a seventh grader as an elective and I liked it and have been taking it ever since. Another reason was that my older brother took it and he said it was a fun, so I figured I should try it.

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# IMPROVING THE *Setting*

## New equipment helps year students towards future

In the fast-paced world of the food industry, the demand is high for large quantities of food in a short amount of time. Students heading towards a career in this growing field chose to enroll in the three different culinary classes that were offered in the newly built family consumer science lab. "Cooking just comes to me," sophomore LaBria Gates said. "I wanted to learn different things besides what I already know."

Students who entered class welcomed an entirely new set of equipment. "I want to be a baker, so I love the new oven," junior Chanlea Wilkes said.

Not just the oven was prized in this new setting. "I'm diggin' the refrigerator," Gates said. "I worked at Cold Stone so I'm used to pretty much everything but the stove. I like it a lot though. It helps with cooking large amounts of food."

Along with the equipment, a new career-oriented lesson plan was introduced. "We wanted to offer kids more," FCS teacher Ruth Hamilton said. "It's a career opportunity to help them see what it's going to be like for them later."

In association with the Des Moines Area Community College, the newly offered Culinary III provided a springboard for students to enter into the culinary programs at the college. "This class is meant to articulate with DMACC and allow students who

want to pursue cooking as a career, an opportunity to learn more," Hamilton said.

Students couldn't be more excited about the new direction the class was taking. "I think it's really exciting; it's a privilege to have commercial equipment to help with our future knowledge," Wilkes said.

The effort put into the new curriculum and the kitchen was substantial and much appreciated. "I think we're really lucky, not only for the kitchen, but for the teacher who has gone through this and is willing to teach us," Wilkes said. "It helps."

The direction of this class used to be looked at as some type of slide-by class. Students enrolling in this class assumed it was easy. They took the class to maintain grade point averages, or to lower the amount of work they would have to do. "Some people take this class to eat," Gates said. "But that's not what we're in here for. We're supposed to be learning, not eating."

Overall, students understand that the curriculum is important, and look forward to opportunities in the future. "I might teach a lesson if Mrs. Hamilton says it's okay," Gates said. "Since the 'down South' section, I've wanted to teach a section on how to cook real southern food, like what I cook at home."

*Spread by ryan birmingham and claire nichols*



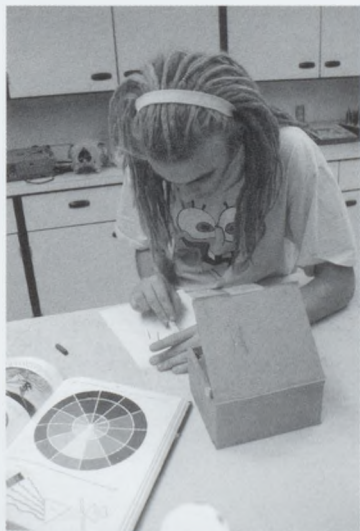


▲ Sophomore Collin Ward gently presses against the spinning clay to shape a soon-to-be vase. Although there was a class entirely devoted to modeling and working with clay, called Clay, Ward, along with other classmates, got to work with clay for a few days in the elemental class, Essentials of Art.

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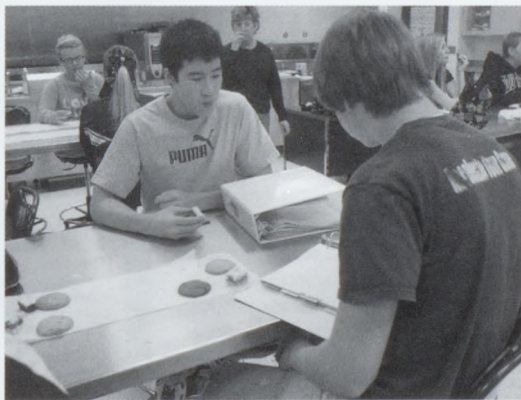
▲ Slicing thin strips of celery, sophomore Meghan Campbell prepares a vegetable soup in her Culinary III class. Campbell was one of the few sophomores in this level of Culinary Arts. Sophomores who chose to follow the culinary field need to cram all four prerequisite classes into a year and a half.

photo by ryan birmingham



▲ Senior Simas Petruaskas shapes a drawing with oil pastels during Design II. "We had to find a vernacular object and then make a design using it," Petruaskas said. "Final pictures had to be with color relationships like monochromatic."

photo by ryan birmingham



▲ While studying for an upcoming Culinary II test, junior James Tran and sophomore Austin Kinsey munch on previously baked treats. Students baked new and interesting desserts for a meeting held by family consumer science teacher Ruth Hamilton.

photo by ryan birmingham



▲ Scribbling down notes during a lecture, junior Megan Ackerman and sophomore Amanda Akers calculate the answer to the questions on the white board. "The class is challenging, but it's the good kind of challenging," Akers said. "You learn about things you wouldn't normally learn about."

photo by ryan birmingham



Kristen Waite '11

**Class:** Intro to Business

**Rating:** ★★★★★

**Why:** The class is a good starting point for anyone who wants to do something with business. The information is well taught, and it's fun!

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Seniors Cody Lenz and Kelsey Bowen enjoy good company and delicious cookies at a Christmas party. Bowen's family threw the party on Dec. 20. After eating, they watched "The Dark Knight" in Bowen's basement.

photo by amanda gabbert



Sprinting to grab the dodgeballs, seniors Tyler Smith and Matt Kretzinger participate in Dodging Diabetes, a charity event put together by student council. Freshman through seniors created teams to compete in the event on Dec. 14. Smith and Kretzinger's team, the 86th Street Triple P's, won the dodgeball tournament.

photo by zach kinger



Strategically making her next move, sophomore Paige Collison plays Jenga with friends over winter break. "We found an unopened Jenga game and we were going to write dares on it so when you picked one you would do the dare," Collison said. "It was crazy! Jenga is my new favorite game."

photo by katie lashier



Finishing up some French fries, sophomores Julia North and Morgan Roshek chat at Okoboji Grill. North and Roshek went with sophomores Ryan Walton, Kelly Poston and Brooklyn Drake to celebrate Drake's 16th birthday.



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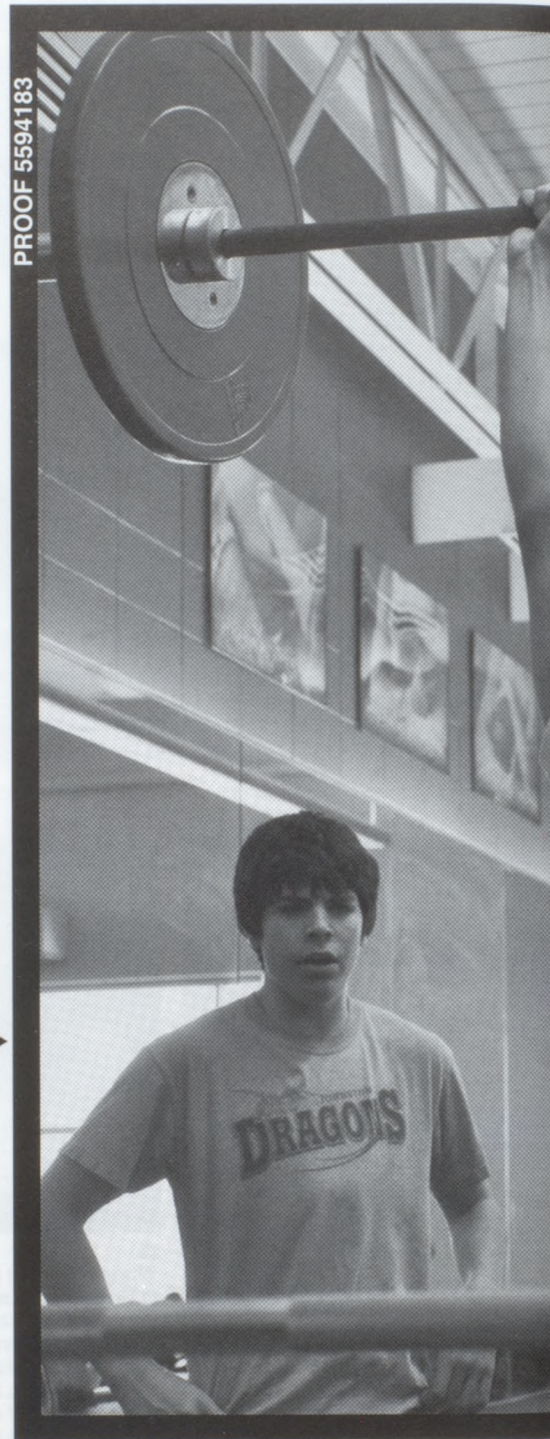


photo by erin funk

Mixing a beverage, senior Amy Lovejoy serves a customer at Starbucks. "I love my job," Lovejoy said. "I love my co-workers, and it really makes my coffee addiction a lot cheaper."

Sophomore Ervin Deumic strains as he completes a set of push presses while working out in the fitness center for off-season boys' work out. Deumic's workout included many different lifts: squats, hang cleans and bench press.

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## Sagittarius

Name:  
Jacob  
Baird

Birthday:  
December



- Energetic
- Positive
- Generous
- Good sense of humor
- Resourceful

He Says: "I tell people that they are doing a good job and to keep it up. If you're not a positive person then you should be around people that are."

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# Free TIME Fitness

*New fitness center allows for healthier lifestyles*

"Three...four," sophomore Lauren McNeal softly counted to herself as she lifted her head above the bar for a chin up. "Five," McNeal said as she completed part of the structured workout in the new fitness center, down the hall from the big gym. The fitness center was completed in October and then opened to staff, students and the community. The fitness center allowed students who participate in sports, and those who don't, to get a better personal fitness by challenging themselves physically.

"The goal of the Fitness Center was to create an environment in which the students, staff and community could benefit fitness-wise," activities director Gary Ross said, "also to improve overall fitness, strength and conditioning and self esteem."

Many students took advantage of the new attachment and students who did not participate in school sports also wanted to get fit. "I love being able to workout without a sport because it makes it so you don't just have to be part of a competitive team to feel like you belong," McNeal said.

Faculty was allowed to workout before and after school. "I think the new fitness center is an amazing facility," nurse Susan Krebs said. "It has any thing and everything a person could ask for, whether you are a beginner or advanced fitness enthusiast."

The fitness center was not only used before and after school, but also for P.E. classes. "If it weren't for the fitness center," sophomore Ervin Deumic said, "I wouldn't have any other workout time other than P.E."

Off-season workouts were available to both boys and girls, which included instructional weight lifting. Along with off-season workouts, sports teams used the fitness center in-season to better their performance.

Students had many options open to experience the newly completed fitness center. Cardio time, running and biking, was available for students who wanted to use the bikes or ellipticals, as well as stability balls and treadmills. The district also offered community education classes to people in the community that wanted to improve their wellness.

The old weight room was turned into a multi-purpose room that was available for any group in the school to use. Dance team and fencing used the room for practice the most.

The fitness center has become a positive place for students to improve their wellbeing and health. "When I don't (workout) I feel icky and sad because endorphins aren't being released in my brain," McNeal said. "my motivation is being and feeling healthier."

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and lisa friesth**

Seniors Nick Overton and Justin Kightlinger take a break from snowboarding in Colorado. Overton and Kightlinger traveled to Buttermilk Mountain with a group of friends for a winter break vacation.



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PHOTO BY jordin robinson

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Striking a pose, freshman Allyson Tack finishes a performance during half time at a basketball game. "I'm usually always nervous (before a performance) because it's in front of my friends and I don't want to mess up," Tack said. "But once I get out there it's just exciting!"

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portraits by deena*



**Junior Allie** Lindsey does a move called 'krumping', a dance style characterized by free and highly energetic moves involving the arms, head, legs, chest and feet.

*photo by olivia schiefelbein*



**Sophomore Taylor** Coakley leads the group in a half time performance.

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portraits by deena*



**Senior Hayley** McDonald pops a squat while transitions into the final portion of the show at a home football game.

*photo by amanda gabbert*



**Junior Jena** Hansen carries out a routine at a football game during half-time.

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portraits by deena*



Preparing to execute a spin, freshman Averì Giudicessi performs at a basketball game. The dance team performed at 4 basketball games throughout the season.

*photo by olivia schiefelbein*



Senior Kaeleigh Gebard, freshman Elin Tegels, junior Allie Lindsey, and sophomores Taylor Coakley and Brittany Faley hit a final pose at a football game. "The people on the team, we're like one big family," said Tegels. "The best part of being on the team is meeting new people and making friends."

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portraits by deena*

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# Devoted COACHES Conquer

## YOUNGER COACHES BRING NEW STYLE AND IDEAS TO TEAM

Sitting on the cold gym floor at 6:00 on a Monday afternoon, not sure what to expect the dance team girls await their new coach. All eyes on the door, as it swings open. One coach walks in and to the girls surprise another one follows. The new coaches introduce themselves as Meredith Coakley and Jaque Karns. "I wasn't nervous for practice, but excited to get started!" Karns said. "We had a lot of work to do, and not a lot of time. I knew most of the dancers already from teaching at local dance studios which made the process of getting to know the teams much easier. Meredith (Coakley) and I worked together to build positive relationships between the dancers and ourselves." With a change in coaches became a change in the way they practiced, and the style of dance.

For the team a big change was their practices; instead of practicing for two hours two times a week they instigated three hour practices three times a week. "Our team commitment is one of the biggest and most obvious changes that we had made this year," sophomore Taylor Coakley said. "Last year, sometimes we would have less than half the team at practice, but this year we are all a lot more committed."

A new rule was established with the new coaches put in place to make the team more committed to improving their dances. "Our rule is that if you miss a practice you have to make it up. So, everyone is on the same page," freshman Elin Tegals said. To make up the practices they headed over to the middle school on Sunday nights from seven to nine p.m. They would make up their practices with the eighth grade dance team.

New and younger coaches meant a change how they performed their routines, and the way they were executed. "They are up to date on the styles of dance that are popular and they have a lot newer ideas," Taylor said. "The activities we do (at practice) are a lot more fun, and when the team decides to do some extra team bonding they come hang out with us."

The coaches might hang out with the girls when they bond but practice time means hard work. "We began each practice with running, crunches, push-ups, and other various strength building and endurance activities," said Meredith. "We then stretched. Dancers were then led through across the floor combinations to practice their dance technique. This included turns, leaps, and kicks. The end of practice was focused on learning choreography or cleaning dances for performance and competition. Practices were hard work, but the team really improved because of them."

Although the practices were hard work, the changes were welcome. "The new coaches are a lot more organized," freshman Allyson Tack said. "I like how they relate to us more, there isn't anything I don't like. I love the coaches!"

**100**  
**extra hours**  
**of practice**  
done by the dance team



"At first the extra practices and longer hours were sort of difficult to get used to and tiring. But when we started performing better and getting the routines down more easily, it showed me that all that extra work really paid off in the long run."  
**Brittany Faley '11**

Date	Place	Competition
12/5		Iowa Dance and Drill Championship
	<b>Div. 1</b>	Jazz
	<b>Div. 1</b>	Lyrical
	<b>5</b>	Jazz

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Mid-air, senior Shelby Brose performs a basket toss, a popular stunt used by the cheerleading squad. "Sometimes I feel as if I'm still on the ground, yet I'm actually ten feet higher," Brose said. "People ask me if I get nervous, but after you fly for a while you get used to it."

*photo by amanda gabbert/  
portraits by deena*

**Junior Emma** Gesiriech pumps the crowd up at a basketball game. "The overall feeling I got from cheering was excitement," Gesiriech said. "I loved going out in front of the crowd!"

*photo by olivia schiefelbein*

**Performing a stunt,** juniors Taylor Smith and Rachel Scieszinski get excited to cheer at a football game. The cheerleaders had to wear black shorts and t-shirts at their first game because their new uniforms were incorrect and had to be redone.

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portraits by deena*

**Senior Taylor Probst** cheers on the boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams during a game against Ankeny. Probst was on both the football and basketball squad.

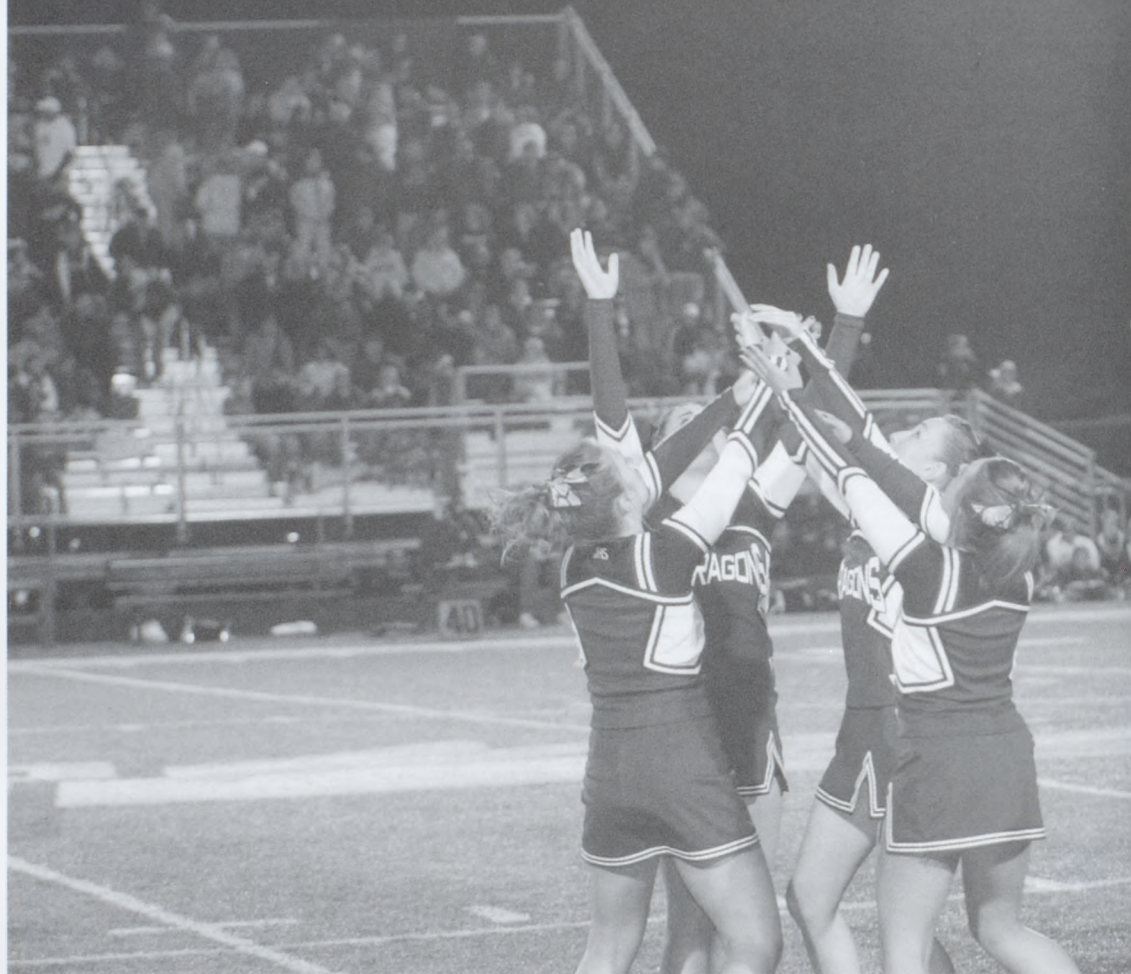
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**Showing enthusiasm,** junior Allison Rawls completes the cheerleader's routine. The football cheering squad performed during half time at the home game against Ankeny.

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Juniors Hanna Souhrada, Megan Parker, and seniors Ashley Hoogenakker, Amy Kruger, and Shelbi Ryan cheer on the wrestlers at a meet held at the high school in the old gym.

*photo by zach jensen*



Yelling back at the crowd, senior Allie Wilmore prepares to throw a mini football. The squad threw out mini footballs and t-shirts to the energetic crowd at home games.

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# Casual BRINGS Crowds

NEW TWIST ON ANNUAL DANCE INTRIGUES STUDENTS

On the way to the winter dance hosted by the cheerleaders, senior Stephenie Ivankovich wasn't expecting much. "I thought it would be lame," Ivankovich said. "When I heard the dance was called the 'Glow Dance,' I was expecting techno...more my style. Even though it wasn't, it was still great; it wasn't the usual school dance."

The Glow Dance was a different take on the annual winter dance, which previous years had been semi-formal or formal. The cheerleaders decided to take a new approach and made it more casual.

"In the past the attendance at the winter dance has been really low, and it was even a struggle to get the cheerleaders to come," senior Amy Kruger said. White Hanes "glow" shirts were provided for each student to decorate with neon colors like pink, blue, lime green, glow-in-the-dark white and orange. They sold for \$5 a piece; students also received glow sticks.

Decorations included glow-in-the-dark stars, Christmas lights, and the cheerleaders made a big sign on neon paper that said "G-L-O-W".

The casual aspect of the dance not only increased attendance, but also increased profits. "I heard that last year they only made like \$70, so we did a way better job," sophomore Alexa Probst said. The cheerleader had made posters related to the theme and posted in various places around the school. "I heard from a lot of seniors that dances were lame and absolutely nobody goes to the dance," sophomore Emma Gowey said. "So that kind of had me worried if people were going to show or not." The dance had one of the highest attendance ratings in the history of the dances.

The cheerleaders also had a choreographed dance that they performed. The routine was for the cheerleading tryouts which were the next day, but when the song "I Hate This Part" by the Pussycat Dolls came on, the cheerleaders decided to "practice." The actual tryout song was to a remix of the same song.

Ivankovich agreed that the effort that had been put into it did not go to waste. "I know that everyone had a great time," Ivankovich said. "My date started doing this solo dance and everyone started crowding around him and cheering and edging him on. It was pretty funny and made the night memorable." *Spread by monika sehic and lisa friesth*

**2 cans of hairspray**  
used by the squad at boys' state basketball



Cheering at state (boys' basketball) was amazing, but the people in charge of the cheerleaders were pretty strict.

They did checks on hair. If you had one little hair down they made you bobby pin or hairspray it up.

Emma Gowey '11

Date	Place	Team
11/1	5th	State Cheerleading
July	August	September
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Smiling to the audience junior Claire Ottley performs her solo, during the Tribute to America, Master Works concert. The concert was held in the bit gym at the high school to accommodate for the large number of performers.

photo by faisal alabsi



## Choir Changes Bring Connections New Theme Acknowledges Veterans

Balanced on a riser, focused on the conductor, the instrumental notes began to fill the air. Junior Courtney Sabus starts to sing the first lines of the last song, "Armed Forces Salute." This particular song was different from the others in the Master Works concert. Sabus found her eyes drifting from choir teacher Sarah Van Waardhuizen, to the audience where she saw not only one, but many veterans stand with honor. As the verses shifted from one branch of the Armed Forces to another, more seasoned men stood and other members of the audience clapped. With a powerful closing piece, the band and choir let the music come to an end. "It wasn't just a song that everyone forgot about after they walked out," Sabus said. "I think the image stuck with them, for a while after and that's what we were trying to do."

The Master Works Concert is traditionally the vocal and band departments coming together for one performance, but new adjustments made the concert the one to remember. Students thought the organization with mixture of choruses and band made the concert better than the year before. "I was a part of mixed choir last year, and we only sang three songs from an entire gospel mass," Sabus said. "It was pretty boring. But this year, I felt that everything fit together well."

A theme which had not been done in previous years

entitled Tribute to America, gave the concert a connection with the audience. It involved inviting veterans from the community to see the performance and stand while their anthem was presented by the students.

The American theme was a collective decision among the band and chorus teachers. Choir and band teacher Ted Brimeyer had his own reasons for wanting to perform the song, "I actually preformed the piece with my high school band and remembered the pride I felt in my country to see men and women recognized for their selfless service to America," Brimeyer said.

Students had similar patriotic feelings while singing to the audience. "It was an amazing experience to sing to them (the veterans), every time someone else stood up, I had more chills," junior Steve Williams said. "Overall, it was awesome, and I did a few times get too distracted from the director, because it was a very powerful experience." Not only did the students feel honored, but many parents clapped for the respected men/women as they stood for their song. "The enthusiastic audience applause was exciting to hear, there was no question as to the high level of patriotism in the gym," Brimeyer said. "In a time when our country is under a great deal of stress at home and abroad, I was distinctly proud to be an American citizen. Spread by erin funk

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**We Questioned:**  
What is your favorite part of choir?

**Q**

**A**

**They Answered:**  
The seniors and juniors in choir are really cool, and I probably wouldn't know them at all if not for choir. Every day, it's just a blast in that class.  
Chris Dockum '11

Pondering over his lines in dress rehearsal, senior Michael Friesth prepares for the next song. "I tried my best to make it a fun and satisfying experience for everyone," Friesth said. "Especially because I'm a senior and it was my last time doing Madrigal." Friesth played the role of the jester, which entailed conducting songs and transitioning.

photo by erin funk



Letting the last note linger, senior Lesley Tosch and junior Nate Ostiguy sing during Madrigal dinner. "Madrigal was hard because of all the memorization, but it turned to be worth it," Tosch said.

photo by erin funk



Laying flatware, sophomore Blake Davidson prepares for guests to eat during the Madgrical performance. The Old English dinner included chicken and wild rice, cranberry relish, rolls and the traditional flaming pudding.

photo by erin funk



Sophomores Emily Mentzer and Racheal Beierschmidt whisper about where to place the forks. Sophomores, juniors, and all members of Synergy were dressed as peasants, they served food, and sung during various parts of the performance.

photo by erin funk



Seniors Alex Garland, and Betsy Pilkington show emotion during the Master Works Concert. "At first I was really nervous because I felt like we weren't going to be singing anything very meaningful to anyone in the audience," Pilkington said. "But while we were singing the song, and watching all of the veterans stand and be recognized it became really special."

photo by faisal alabsi



Junior Chris Oatts begins to serenade the audience, during his solo. Oatts also plays the saxophone, but decided to still sing during the joint concert between the band and choir.

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Typing their organization's goals for the A.P. English Grant Project, senior Leah Belknap asks for advice on word choice from senior Felicia Coleman. Fifteen groups were a part of the Grant Project, where each group competed for an imaginary \$500,000.

photo by alma jovanovic



Studying for their A.P. US history final, juniors Jessica Pray and Tanner Gardiner read through previous exams. History teacher Jerry Kinder lent out 10 copies of the previous exams to his students. Tests could only be checked out and viewed at the school library.

photo by kevin hu



Guarding senior Drew Schwevitski of Dowling Catholic, junior Scott Monroe attempts to block the shot. Monroe participated in the John R. Grubb YMCA Church League game. The event took place at First Assembly of God church, where teams from different youth groups competed every Wednesday.

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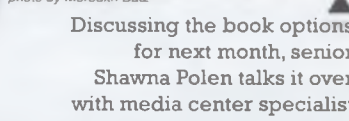
Senior Lindsey Timmons and junior Julia Manning sing the "Star-Spangled Banner" at the home basketball game against Ankeny. "I was most nervous about forgetting the words and singing in front of such a large audience," Timmons said.

photo by olivica schiefelbein



Discussing the book options for next month, senior Shawna Polen talks it over with media center specialist Jane Berhens and the rest of the book club. "Quote from Shawna Please," said Polen.

photo by Meredith Batz



Announcing heroes for her Myths and Legends class, English teacher Sarah Wessling reads off the list to the students. Members of the class had to pretend to be a hero that they made up and give a thank you speech accepting their hero of the year award. Their finals were not affected by no school, but other classes of Wessling's were.

## Capricorn

Name:  
Katie  
Hepplewhite

Birthday:  
January 8



- Hard Working
- Materialistic
- Loyal
- Sincere
- Reliable
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She Says: "I definately know I'm stubborn, and very loyal. I have my sincere moments. As for materialistic, a girl's got to love her things."

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# Missing WITH Finals

*Weather problems postpone exams over long weekend*

Walking down the halls on Monday, Jan. 19 before finals, worry lines could be seen on almost every student's face. Winter weather was predicted to shut down the school. Principal Bruce Hukee interrupted class in the middle of the day by reading a list of what students would do in case of a snow day on Tuesday. "There were a lot of people who had questions so we wanted to prepare for the snow day," Hukee said.

Snow did not come in the large amounts expected and finals continued smoothly into Tuesday and Wednesday. On Wednesday night while parents watched the evening news and school closings ran on the scroll bar, Johnston's name appeared. Due to the very low temperatures and extremely low wind chill, school was closed on the last day of finals.

Students were able to forgo a day of studying and testing. Many took it as an advantage and hung out with their friends. Some also chose to put in extra hours at their places of work.

For others, headaches grew larger because of the post-ponement of finals. Math teacher Steve Smith's pre-calculus final was moved to an even later date. The first test was scheduled for the last day before winter break, but school was cancelled on Dec. 19 due to snow. Smith then moved it to the regular

finals week on Jan. 15. "It was horrible," junior Sara Stucker said. "I was studying for that pre-calc test since the middle of December and I took it in the middle of January. It was a long time to remember all I needed to know for the test."

Sarah Wessling's eighth hour A.P. English class was in the middle of their grant presentations. "It caused a lot of changes in my classes," Wessling said. "It caused a lot of work for me to reorganize the grant panel and manage the actual day of finals differently."

With no school on Jan. 16 and 19, due to teacher in-service, school didn't continue until Jan. 20. Smith's class was finally able to take their test a month after the original test was scheduled. Wessling managed to find some community members to sit on the grant panel, solving a big problem from the no school day and was able to continue with a new panel.

The worry lines slowly faded on Tuesday morning. By Wednesday they were completely absent. Replaced by the anxiety of getting to new classes on time, figuring out how to get to lockers and finding friends who had the same lunch. "I understand there's nothing anyone can do about the weather, but the timing of it couldn't have been worse," Wessling said.

Spread by olivia schiefelbein and alma jovancevic

Cleaning the snow off her car, junior Cassie Curtis prepares for another weather related early dismissal. "I was happy to get out of school, but bummed that the weather affected our finals schedule," Curtis said.



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Laying out the competition, senior Austin Carlisle knocks Sam Bassman of Lincoln-Roosevelt to the ice. After Johnston Gold beat Lincoln-Roosevelt 3-0 in their final regular-season game, they returned to the ice less than a week later to face each other in the first round of playoffs.

photo by jon krueger



**Senior Eric**

Walter attempts to break free from defenders, to take control of the puck.

photo by jon krueger



**Junior Captain**

Dwight Lykins maneuvers past Taylor Webb from West Des Moines Valley.

photo by jon krueger



**Sophomore**

Dylan Betters leads the pack as he races up the ice.

photo by jon krueger



**Sophomore Cody**

Janousek slows down to find the open man to score against Ankeny.

photo by jon krueger



Having control of the puck, sophomore Charlie Engblom transitions the action past mid-ice against Lincoln-Roosevelt. The Johnston Gold team played Lincoln-Roosevelt four times during the season, tying during their first two games but eventually pulling out a win for their last two.

photo by jon krueger



Gliding past players of both teams, senior Jacob Eggers takes advantage of a clear fast-break. Eggers joined the Johnston Purple team late in the season after he returned from playing for a club in Minnesota.

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# Bringing THE Game Home

TRUE MEANING TO PLAYING LIKE FAMILY

Concentrating on the game, senior Ben Hjelmaas adverts his eyes finding his younger brother sophomore Jacob Hjelmaas laying on the ice. Jumping over the wall Ben dashes over to aid his motionless brother that had been knocked unconscious from a lay-out against the wall. As Jacob was taken off Ben retreated to the bench. "Coach wouldn't let me play the rest of the game, because I was going to try and retaliate against the kid that hit him if I would've gotten the chance," Ben said.

During Johnston hockey games seeing double was normal. With three sets of brothers on the team, the games became a family affair. The Hjelmaas brothers (Ben, Alex, Jacob), Engblom brothers (Nels, Charlie) and Thies brothers (Marc, Jake) made up nearly half the roster. The Johnston teams contained four sets of siblings, with Kale and Kirby Singleton on the Purple team.

Having family on the team gave the brothers time to reflect off the ice. "After a hard practice or a tough game it's good to have someone to talk about it with," sophomore Alex Hjelmaas said.

Alex and his brothers played together for two years; hockey became popular within the family when Ben picked up the sport when at the age of six. "It's really cool to look up and see my last name on another jersey," Ben said.

Out of the three sets of siblings, one brother from each family graduated in 2009. Seniors Marc, Nels and Ben all played in their final season with the team. "We've always played in different leagues based on age," sophomore Jake Thies said. "It'll stink because I'm getting used to having a family member to play with."

The high school hockey league makes it possible for siblings to play on the same team, so it wasn't a surprise the brothers played together in their final season. In the leagues history there hasn't been a team as highly populated by siblings as the Johnston hockey teams. "Our team chemistry was definitely enhanced by the number of sibling we had on our team," Alex said.

With so much family on one team it made them have closer bonds. It comes demonstrates that direct family is not just brothers/sisters, mothers, and fathers. "My teammates and coaches are like a second family so I always have someone to talk to," Nels said. *spread by jon krueger*

**11**  
assists  
in the  
season-ending playoffs



"I liked the last goal of the year, when I got the assist and (senior) Eric (Walter) scored against Ankeny. It was our last game as seniors, and we're pretty good friends, and it was cool that we got the game winning goal."  
**Ben Hjelmaas '09**

Date	Score	Team Johnston Gold
10/26	4 1	Johnston Purple
11/02	4 2	Urbandale
11/09	1 3	Ankeny
11/16	3 3	Lincoln-Roosevelt
11/23	5 3	Johnston Purple
11/30	2 2	Dowling White
12/10	1 5	Valley
12/14	2 1	Ankeny
12/21	5 5	Urbandale
01/11	2 3	Dowling Maroon
01/18	2 2	Lincoln-Roosevelt
01/25	3 1	Dowling Maroon
02/08	3 5	Valley
02/15	5 2	Dowling White
02/18	5 4	Dowling White
02/25	3 4	Valley
03/01	3 0	Lincoln-Roosevelt
03/05	2 1	Lincoln-Roosevelt
03/06	1 3	Valley
03/07	3 2	Ankeny

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10/26	1 4	Johnston Gold
11/02	1 5	Valley
11/09	1 4	Lincoln-Roosevelt
11/16	1 4	Urbandale
11/23	3 5	Johnston Gold
11/30	1 7	Ankeny
12/10	2 4	Dowling Maroon
12/14	1 2	Lincoln-Roosevelt
12/21	3 6	Valley
01/11	5 4	Dowling White
01/18	1 2	Urbandale
01/25	5 1	Dowling White
02/08	4 8	Dowling Maroon
02/15	4 7	Dowling Maroon
02/18	2 4	Ankeny
02/25	2 5	Urbandale
03/01	3 3	Ankeny
03/05	1 2	Valley
03/06	2 1	Lincoln-Roosevelt
03/07	2 8	Urbandale

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Senior Staci Smith, and others, entertain a parent and student audience while singing "Swing With Me." "The end of the year show was a lot of fun because there wasn't any competition pressure, also sad since it was our last time performing as a group for the seniors, ever."

Smith said.

photo by jordin robinson

# The Spell of Second Place

Choir always second best

The gym floor was packed full of hundreds of kids sitting huddled together at Sioux City East. They were all waiting for the announcement. Innovation sat in the crowd, tired and worn out, just to have the emcee reward them with second place, again.

The group had been through this twice already this season. They received the second place award at Viterbo, Wisconsin and at Cedar Rapids. "It does annoy me that we have come in second three times this year, more than I let on," junior Ryan Bower said. "I feel like we have an extremely well planned show and we have fun performing it. Getting second feels like someone is diminishing all the work and sweat we have put into it."

The choir practiced on Mondays, more often than not late into the night, and every other day during fourth period. The students involved said that they practiced so much and worked so hard that they could perform the routine in their sleep.

Innovation was rewarded with second, sixth, and third place finishes throughout the season. Unable to obtain the elusive first place finish, caused crushed emotions about it but their spirits were resilient. "I'm a little disappointed that we never got first, but I think it's selfish to think that with so many choirs below us," senior Josh Wenndt said. "I think we did very well and I'm proud of everyone."

On any given day it's a possibility to get first or last because the judges are completely subjective. "Show choir isn't like a sport, there is never a definite winner,"

junior Caleb Wagner said. "In the end it all comes down to people's preferences, and what the judges like." Show choirs have to play off different judges and their preferences at every competition. Innovation chose to have tougher choreography, which makes it a little harder to have a clean routine, or to get the moves into exact synchronization. Some judges like the cleanliness of the routine, while other judges like challenging choreography.

The differences in judging caused mixed emotions but others just let it slide, and focused on the next competition. "Coming in second doesn't bother me at all, mostly because I'm not in show choir to win," junior Claire Ottley said. "I really just love the competitions and adrenaline rush that comes with performing in front of hundreds of people."

Even though Innovation never won first, they were always in the top six and all but one time they improved in finals from their day score. "I thought the season overall was very successful," choir director Sarah Van Waardhuizen said. "My sermon has always been that if you do your best then it's up to the judges."

Senior Caroline Byrd hated losing, but thought the way they performed was more true to the music and to the show. "Van Waardhuizen knows how talented we are and how much potential we have," Byrd said. "She's all about challenging us to be our personal best and I think that's much more rewarding than having a Grand Championship to display in the trophy case." *Spread by katie lashier and jordin robinson*

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**We Questioned:**  
If could go any-  
where in the U.S  
for a competition,  
where would  
you go?

**They Answered:**  
"Branson, Missouri would  
have to be my choice,  
because we went there  
two years ago and won  
the national grand  
championship. It was a  
beautiful area with many  
attractions."  
Michael Friesth

Seniors Zach Swallow,  
Josh Wendt and juniors  
Riley Johnson and Jordan  
Thompson rush to the front  
of the stage to sing. "As for  
being a senior, it's been more  
of a burden than a freedom,  
which isn't a bad thing, but  
there are more expectations  
that you've never had before."

Swallow said.  
photo by jordin robinson



Relaxing before  
her performance,  
sophomore Sarah Meyer  
laces up her shoe in  
a classroom. Synergy  
performed at Urbandale  
High School and was  
third runner up in the  
prep division.  
photo by katie lashier



Junior Molly Schimidt sings  
into the microphone with  
seniors Betsy Pelinkington  
and Ashely Williamson for  
their trio, while the boys  
sway in the background. The  
two show choirs performed  
March 28, 2009 at two  
different times for the end of  
the year show.  
photo by jordin robinson



Preparing their hair and  
make-up, sophomores  
Claire Anderson and Rachel  
Swanson use personal  
mirrors to get ready before  
the show. "I think the huge  
hair and crazy make-up is  
fun, but it's also important  
that we look the same so it's  
not distracting to the judges."  
Swanson said.  
photo by katie lashier



Holding a pose and  
smiling enthusiastically,  
juniors Kody McCracken,  
Ryan Bower, and seniors  
Shelby Brose, and Ashley  
Williamson receive  
applause for the last  
number performed. The  
show choir performs at  
home concerts, presents a  
spring show, and competes  
in several competitions  
each year.  
photo by jordin robinson



Busting a move, junior Anne  
Flemming and senior Lesley  
Tosche enthusiastically  
dance and sing to "Into the  
Night" at the beginning of  
the Innovation show. They  
performed at the Urbandale  
show and was third runner  
up overall.  
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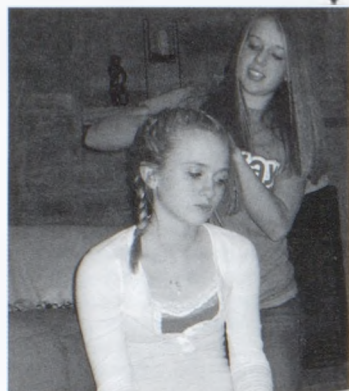
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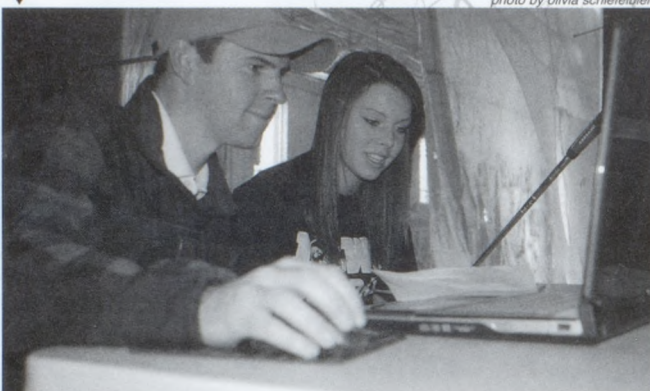
Practicing her braiding, sophomore Alex Hawks does sophomore Kelsey Kruse's hair while they pass time on a Friday night. "We had a girls' night and Alex wanted to braid my hair," Kruse said. "I said yes because she really needed the practice."

photo by elizabeth schiefelbien



Reviewing her golf swing, junior Emily Kane looks on the computer to watch her golf swing with pro Josh Lampy. Members of the girls' and boys' golf team attended Operation State Champ in Ankeny to improve their golf skills.

photo by olivia schiefelbien



Playing in the snow, sophomore Haley Beaver gets ready to slide down the hill on her sled at Jester Park Lodge on an early dismissal day. "My friend and I decided that it was warm enough to go sledding and we had the time," Beaver said. "It was a lot of fun and the hill was huge."



photo by jordin robinson

Riding down the driveway on her longboard, sophomore Emily Mentzer spends her time on the weekend with friends Shae Atterberg and Spencer Vasey longboarding through their neighborhood. "(Spencer) and her family longboard," Mentzer said. "So they all got me into longboarding."



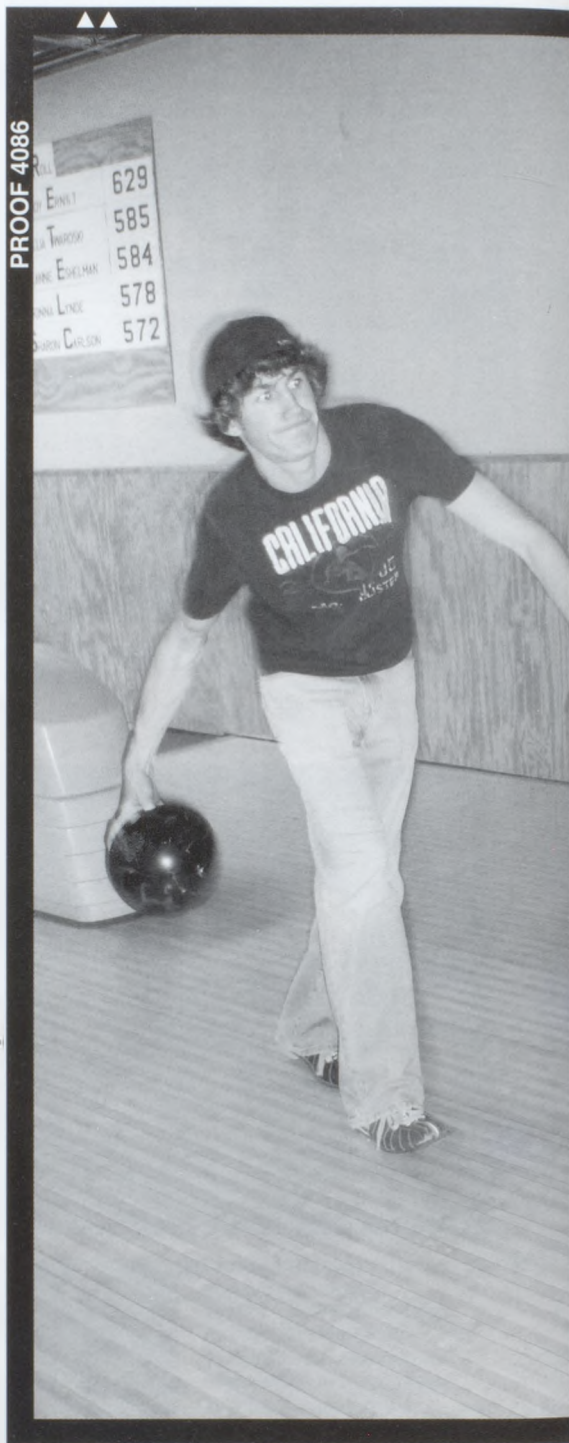
photo provided by spencer vasey



photo by enn funk

Checking the price, senior Eric Walter picks out a Rambo shirt while shopping at Valley Junction for a vintage plaid shirt. "I have always dreamed of being a lumberjack and this was the first step toward realizing my dream," Walter said.

Bowling in hopes of getting a strike, senior Justin Polson bowls at Merle Hay Lanes with his cousin Mike Polson. "We go bowling every Sunday," Polson said. "I beat my cousin every time."



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Name:

Leah  
Kacere

Birthday:

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- Intuitive
- Analytical
- Perfectionist
- Relationship Oriented
- Tenacious

She Says: "I think this is very true about me. I love being around my friends. And to be the best I can be at things."

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# One MORE Test

*Seniors randomly selected for survey*

During passing time, groups of seniors were called down to the attendance office and handed a small note card. "It told me to take a test and when and where (to take it)," senior Kari Queck said.

Seniors who were called down to the office were randomly selected to take a survey called the National Assessment of Educational Progress, NAEP.

Some students received the news in a different manner. "I got a letter in the mail asking me to take the test and if you or your parents didn't want you to you just had to let them know, otherwise you were taking the test," senior Jessica Martinson said. "I was a little mad that my mom didn't say no to it because I didn't want to sit there for a few hours taking a test that did nothing for me."

For over 30 years the NAEP tests are administered to randomly selected schools and seniors. "The results are used nationally to review and monitor student achievement and determine how we are doing as a nation," principal Bruce Hukee said. "We provided NAEP with a class list. They choose the students that are representative of our demographics. Therefore, there were a certain number of IEP, ELL, minority, female and male students chosen from the senior class."

The NAEP tests assess what students across America know and can do in

selected subject areas. There were two tests offered for the seniors, a math and an english test. "In the end they asked you how much TV you watched and other questions that seemed kind of weird," Queck said.

Students did not know which test they would be taking until they arrived for the test. Senior Alan Nagel took the math form of the NAEP test. "It had pretty standard algebra questions, some geometric reflections to perform, a geometric proof and some word problems which asked you to correctly devise an equation to model the situation," Nagel said.

The 85 students who took the test were rewarded in a small way for their time and effort in making the nation look good. Everyone received a card that allowed them a \$2.50 purchase at A la Carte. Hukee wanted to show that he appreciated the student's willingness to do their best and actually show up for the test.

Many seniors ended their standardized testing career with MIALTS in the spring of 2008, but a few were willing to make one more exception. "I never really minded the standardized tests themselves," Nagel said. "They usually have a few interesting questions and informative articles to sink your teeth into."

**Spread by brianna ryan and chrissy clark**

Sophomores Josh DeLanoit and Mike Metzler work hard to make their deadline for video production class.

"It was for a vocab video contest," DeLanoit said. "I've made about three others for video production class, but Mike has made a lot more and they're on youtube."

photo by owen ballard



PHOTO BY chrissy clark

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Staying away from Ankeny players, senior Justin Amick manages to control the ball near the base line. Amick scored 11 points that game, helping them win 82-54.  
*photo by olivia schiefelbein*



**Shooting free** throws for a technical against the S.E. Polk coach, sophomore Corey Schaefer helps the team by making all four shots, winning 67-60.  
*photo by olivia schiefelbein*



**The team** hoists its third place trophy after beating Bettendorf 46-41.  
*photo by jon krueger*



**Senior Tyler** Smith passes the ball to a teammate at the state game against Ames.  
*photo by jon krueger*



**Coach Bobby** Sandquist shouts at the boys to get down into a good defensive stance.  
*photo by olivia schiefelbein*



Taking the ball down the court, sophomore Andrew Vander Zwagg tries to come to a stop. Vander Zwagg was one of two sophomores to play varsity. Although Vander Zwagg didn't start, sophomore Corey Schaefer did.  
*photo by olivia schiefelbein*



Junior Mitch Fondell drives around Urbandale's Jacob Deskin. Fondell, a point guard for the team, scored 10 points at the home game against Urbandale. Fondell and teams effort fell short when they lost to Urbandale 45-74.  
*photo by olivia schiefelbein*



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# Triple Triad

## ODD COINCIDENCE WITH NUMBER THREE

It was the third showdown against the rival team, Urbandale, who had won both of the previous games. The stakes were much higher for this game than during the regular season: a chance to move onto the semi-finals in the state tournament. The venue, Wells Fargo Arena, was new to the team. "It was an amazing feeling having so many people at the games," sophomore Corey Schaefer said. "It was a little more nerve racking though and it was different shooting in Wells [Fargo Arena]."

At the start of the game, junior Nick Smith obtained his first dunk which caused an uproar in the crowd and on the bench. The lead fluctuated throughout most of the game and the enthusiasm allowed a close battle. In the end the J-Hawks were defeated 43-37. "It's tough to beat a team three times in a single season and it seemed at the start of the game that it was our turn for a win," senior Jake Baumgartner said.

During head coach Bobby Sandquist's third year of coaching the boys' basketball team, they ended up taking third place in the state. In the semi-final round the team lost to Ames, who went on to become the state champions. They went to win their consolation game against Bettendorf. "We were fearless and confident in the end," Sandquist said. "We became a lot better team from our journey through the season."

When the season ended, an odd coincidence with the number three arose. A triad of players, Corey Schaefer, Mitch Fondell and Nick Smith, were selected to be a part of the all-conference teams. The shot beyond the arc, the three-pointer, was the team's favorite shot, which resulted in a second place finish in the state for three-pointers made. "The thing that stands out the most is we were able to keep it loose and fun, even through some of the most pressuring times," senior Tyler Kubik said. "We had fun and that's what made it worth playing."

This was also the third team that Sandquist coached into the final four of the state tournament. "Our goal going into the season was to become the best team we could possibly be," Sandquist said. "We didn't get caught up talking about winning. Our team just put forth a great effort to be the best team we could be."

Whether it was a triple, trio, or trinity, three proved to be the lucky number for the team. "It's not something I'd think about, but it's fun," Sandquist said. *Spread by brittany trow and olivia schiefelbein*

**2nd**  
in the state  
shooting  
three-pointers made



It's not something we practiced. Coach wanted us to focus on hitting the boards when we were under the hoop. Whenever we warm up, that is what a lot of the guys just shoot.  
**Dan Conn '09**

Date	Score	Team
12/2	63 55	DM North
12/5	63 22	DM Lincoln
12/12	82 43	Ankeny
12/19	61 47	Dowling Catholic
1/02	45 74	Urbandale
1/09	78 71	S.E Polk
1/10	80 52	DM East
1/13	85 46	Indianola
1/16	82 54	Ankeny
1/17	40 52	Marshalltown
1/20	69 46	Ottumwa
1/23	58 50	Dowling
1/27	62 46	Ft. Dodge
1/30	55 63	Urbandale
2/3	60 59	Waukee
2/6	83 91	S.E Polk
2/7	72 56	Mason City
2/10	52 45	Roosevelt
2/16	71 43	Indianola
2/17	49 97	Ames
2/20	58 49	Valley
2/27	68 52	Oskaloosa
3/3	67 60	S.E Polk
3/11	43 37	Urbandale
3/13	39 52	Ames
3/14	46 41	Bettendorf

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Losing control of the ball during the sub state game against Ames, senior Abby Sonner tries to regain possession with little time remaining on the clock. The Dragons lost 37-39.  
photo by Zach Jensen



**Junior Kayla Ross** brings the ball down the court to the top of the key.  
photo by olivia schiefelbein



**The team falls off the couch** after it tipped over at the pasta dinner before the Urbandale away game.  
photo by jordan sandquist



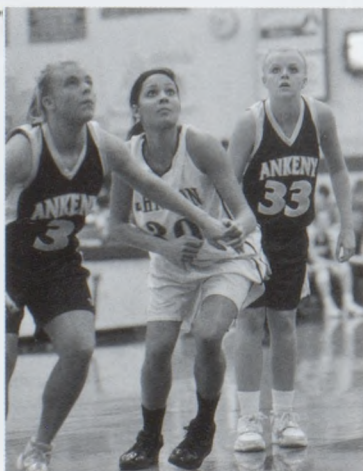
**Watching the out of bounds line,** junior Andi Cameron guards the ball against Ankeny junior Mackenzie Misel.  
photo by olivia schiefelbein



**Sophomore Nicole Pirie** puts on her shoes and socks before the sophomore game against Waukee.  
photo by faisal alabsi



Waiting for a free throw rebound junior Reanna Noel attempts to hold off Ankeny's senior Stevie Talley and freshman Maddie Muhlembruck as sophomore Emily Parker attempts to make a basket. Parker made both, helping the girls win 41-23.  
photo by olivia schiefelbein



Varsity coach Rich Gradoville talks to the bench during a time out. "I call time outs to set up a play, or calm people down, or rest them," Gradoville said. "Or to just talk about strategy, whether it's defense or offense."

photo by Faisal Alabsi



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# TWO POINTS Away

## TEAM LOSES SUB STATE FINAL TO AMES WITH MINUTES LEFT

Bleachers buckle to their capacities at Saydel High School. Yelling parents are heard after every call, either for or against their team, raising the noise level even louder. Maintaining the lead going into the fourth quarter was crucial to the girls to keep the momentum on their side. Johnston was winning 28-22 with eight minutes left. The winner would take home a state qualifier banner. "I was really excited for the game," senior Tessa Fenimore said. "Even during the game we were all playing so well that I had a feeling we were going to win."

The team was able to control Ames and keep the lead for 28 minutes. "We were ahead the whole game until about three or four minutes left in the fourth quarter," junior Kayla Ross said. "Then we couldn't regain the lead after that." Ross and junior Madison Thompson would substitute whenever possible. Ross would go in for defense and Thompson for offense to help with their strategy.

Every sub and referee whistle allowed the girls to have a chance to check the score and see what they needed to do make it to the state tournament. "When it was the last few seconds of the game I started to get really sad because that's when I realized that would be the last basketball game of my life," senior Abby Sonnor said. "It was just a really sad time. Especially knowing that could have been us and we should be the ones winning that game since we had been until the end of the fourth quarter." With such a close game fouls were made against Johnston, and they weren't able to capitalize on the fouls. The girls lost to Ames 37-39.

For the three seniors Fenimore, Sonnor and Kate Nielsen their last season was over. "They were obviously disappointed and very quiet in the locker room," coach Rich Gradoville said.

The team started off the season beating ranked W.D.M Valley and Cedar Rapids Xavier. The potential was there from the beginning. "At summer camp the girls thought we had a chance at state," Gradoville said. "The second game against Ankeny, they had determination." The second game against Ankeny was revenge when the team lost the first time 33-50, but in the second game they came back and won 41-23.

A competitive team headed home from Saydel tired, a little sad and quiet, but no regrets. "I feel like we had an outstanding season," Nielsen said. "Not only does our record show it, but every girl on the team contributed in so many ways on and off the court. We were a really close team and had a great time this season." *Spread by olivia schiefelbein*

**23**  
total games  
played  
by varsity girls' basketball



"Personally, I like the long season because I love playing. Having two games a week makes the season go by really fast too."

**Kate Nielsen '09**

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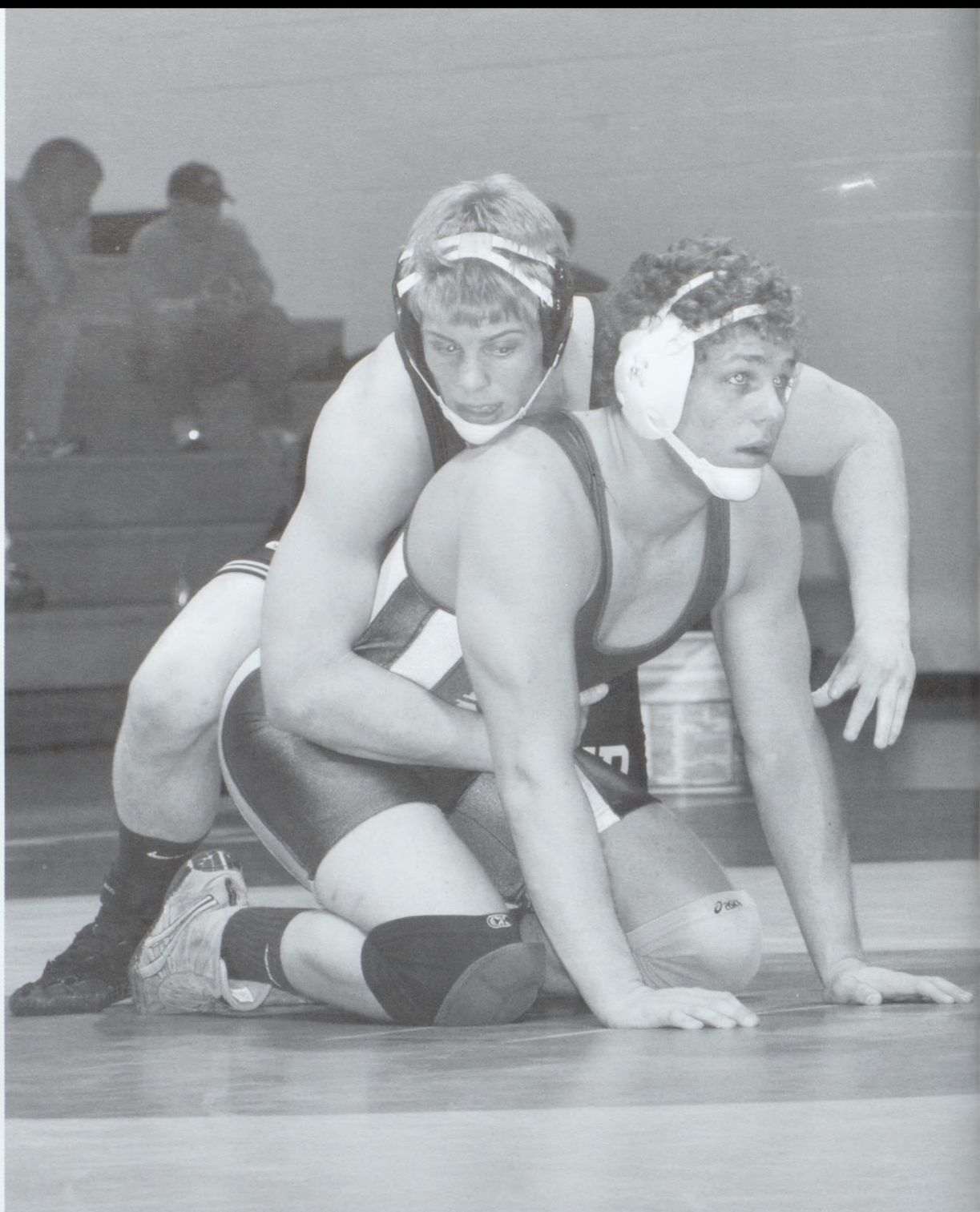
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Waiting to hear the whistle sound, senior Adam Badgley kneels patiently, ready to jolt up out of the arms of senior SE Polk's Ethan Bass. Badgley earned third place this year at the state wrestling meet. "Throughout the entire match I was thinking that this is my last high school match ever, so I better make it count," Badgley said. "All I did was try and have the most fun I could, and it turned out to be great. I don't regret anything I did, and third in Iowa is something I'm very proud of."

photo by zach jensen



**Freshman**  
Cameron Brose attempts to get free of being pinned in his match against North/Hover.

photo by zach jensen



**Junior Sean Lau** tries to get loose from SE Polk's Brian Johnson's arms wrapped tightly around him.

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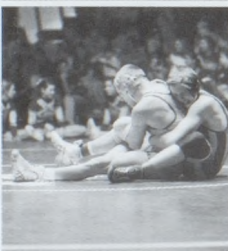
**Junior Stephen Shaffer** pushes his weight against SE Polk's Cory Clark, allowing him not to get flipped.

photo by zach jensen



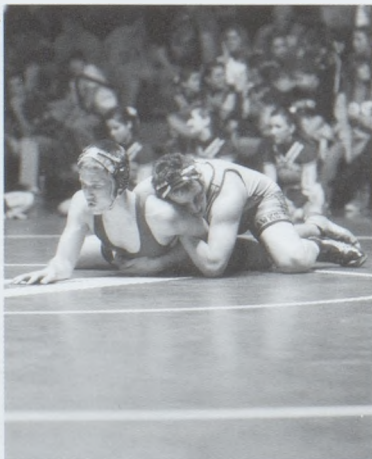
**Freshman Joe Scanlan** hugs his opponent fiercely during his match at Ankeny. Scanlan earned the outstanding freshman award this season.

photo by zach jensen



Struggling to get up against his competition, junior Andrew McCrea continues to fight in his 161 pound match. "In wrestling there is no other sport that requires as much dedication," McCrea said. "You have to be watching your weight off the mat and worry about your technique on the mat. It also really shows a person's true character."

photo by zach jensen



Wrapping his leg and arm around his opponent, junior Alex Richards uses his strength to try to get a pin in his match. Richards won the first ever Oil Can Award, chosen by the coaches. "The award demonstrates hard work, competes with great effort and passion," Coach Aaron Tecklenburg said. "Richards is always coachable and willing to make sacrifices for his team and teammates."

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# In THE FINAL Round

## SENIOR WINS FINAL MATCH, PLACES THIRD AT STATE

Moving away from his coaches, senior Adam Badgley steps onto the mat at Wells Fargo Arena for his final match at the state wrestling tournament. On the other side of the wrestling ring, his opponent, senior Matt Behnami of Iowa City West, is also moving into the ring to start their match. Glancing at the referee before turning his attention back to Behnami, Badgley tries to stay calm before his final match.

Most of the team and coaches went to see the final match, "It was the weirdest and the best feeling ever, having people telling me I could do it," Badgley said. "It made me think I could."

While the coaches watched Badgley's matches from the sidelines, they had as much energy as he did and waited for the final results. "I was a little nervous, but I think that's natural," head coach Aaron Tecklenburg said. "Our team was excited (before the tournament). It's always nice to get some wrestlers down to state."

After losing (0-3) to sophomore Cody Krumwiede of Waverly-Shell Rock, who went on to win the state title for their weight class of 215 pounds, Badgley was entered in the consolation tournament to wrestle for his final placement. He entered the bracket in its fourth round and beat two more opponents to win third place, the highest possible, since the championship match determined first and second place.

As his first year as head coach, Summit Middle School teacher Tecklenburg felt that the team was well represented by Badgley. "Adam lost a very close match to the eventual champion," Tecklenburg said. "He battled some injuries during the season, (but) we expected great things from him all year. We absolutely believed he could place at state, and he proved us right."

As the only Johnston wrestler to place at state, Badgley was overwhelmed by the support that fans and the rest of the team showed him through the entire tournament. "I went on Friday and saw Adam's last match," junior Andrew McCrea said. "I knew he'd place really well, he was our best wrestler."

Other wrestlers agreed with him, saying Badgley was a good representative of the school. "(He) was a really hard worker, and he had the best chance of placing at state," said junior Alex Richards. "I'm glad he actually did."

Looking back, Badgley felt that his last matches were a success. "This was a great way to leave the team," Badgley said about his last season with Johnston. "I feel like I did better than my best this year." *spread by zach jensen and kristine hauser*

**:24**  
**Fastest**  
pin by  
Mike Faley



"Coach said he needed a stick (pin) so I gave it to him. So I snapped him down and pinned him. I was on a pin streak, going from :48, :30, and to :24 seconds."

**Mike Faley '09**

Date	Score	Team
12/04	18 55	D.M. North/Hoover
12/06	19 48	Newton
12/11	36 19	North Polk
12/11	50 27	Colfax Mingo
12/13	41 39	Carlisle
12/18	21 48	Marshalltown
1/03	21 57	Mason City
1/03	24 48	Indianola
1/03	18 57	Norwalk
1/08	15 63	Ankeny
1/10	10th	Boone Invite
1/15	35 40	Dowling Catholic
1/17	12th	C.R. Jefferson Invite
1/22	24 49	Urbandale
1/29	9 63	SE Polk
2/06	13th	CIML Invite at Ames
2/14	7th	Districts at Boone
2/18	28th	State at Wells Fargo

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Adjusting his goggles, ▶  
 Urbandale senior Mitch  
 Taylor gets ready for the 50  
 meter freestyle in the state  
 championship. He went on  
 to win the event, as well as  
 capturing the title in 100  
 meter butterfly.  
*photo by Julia Manning/BW*

**Senior Scot Stodola**  
 receives a flower of  
 recognition during senior  
 night. "Even though it was  
 my first year swimming,  
 it was really cool to be  
 recognized as if I had  
 been swimming my whole  
 life," Stodola said.  
*photo by Faisal Alabsi*



**Urbandale Senior Tyler**  
 Staton comes up for a breath  
 during his 100 meter breast  
 stroke event. Urbandale  
 students were a vital part of  
 the team.  
*photo by Faisal Alabsi*



**Freshman Perry** Leysens  
 gets ready to dive into the  
 500 meter freestyle race  
 against DM Lincoln. He got  
 second place with a time  
 of 6:20.  
*photo by Faisal Alabsi*



**Sophomore Ryan** Kitchen  
 hurries to the finish line  
 in the last several yards. "I  
 came close to my goal a few  
 times in the year and finally  
 got it in the final meet,"  
 Kitchen said.  
*photo by Faisal Alabsi*



Flying off the starting  
 block, freshman Andrew  
 Schneider begins his  
 50 meter freestyle race.  
 Schneider was just one of  
 many freshmen swimmers  
 to join the JV team.  
*photo by Faisal Alabsi*



◀ Executing a butterfly stroke,  
 sophomore Erik Anderson  
 finishes his 100 meter race.  
 From the beginning of the  
 year, Anderson's race time  
 improved by 7.27 seconds.  
*photo by Faisal Alabsi*



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# Speedy SWIMMERS SHOW Success

## FRESHMAN ROSS GAINS ALL-AMERICAN STATUS

Friday after Thanksgiving, all Saturdays, and Christmas Eve day. Freshman Brian Ross and Urbandale senior Mitch Taylor did not miss one practice. 122 practices. No absences.

Consistency played a huge part in Ross and Taylor's achievements, both All-Americans, Taylor won two state championships.

Swimmers with the 100 best times in the United States earn All-American status. Ross made All-American in the 200 free relay, partly because of his work ethic. "To say Brian Ross is a hard worker is an understatement," senior Alan Nagel said. "Brian Ross is a force of nature. His work ethic is unmatched by anyone in the pool and his quiet dedication to excellence is a comfort and example for other swimmers."

Teammates gave Ross the nickname "The Robot." "People said that after tough sets I wouldn't be tired and just go to the next set, like a robot," Ross said.

Coach Shari Walling, has known Ross for close to ten years, perfecting his techniques. "He has always worked hard, had good stroke technique, listens well and is coachable," Walling said. Ross had versatility to swim any stroke which allowed Walling to use him in a variety of races.

In the 23 years Walling has coached, Ross was the first freshman in school history to become an All-American. "It makes me feel pretty good," Ross said. "Knowing how many good swimmers Shari's had that I'm the only one to do that." The relay team had to beat the time of 1:41.75 to become an all-American. "We didn't know the specific time," Ross said "I think we all knew it was a really good time because it was a school record."

In the 200 freestyle Ross raced with senior Urbandale Nic Staub, Urbandale junior Brad Waldorf, and Taylor. "Their times qualified them for state, but the two teams that beat them were under the All-American times too," Walling said "There are some years where no one receives All-American times." Taylor was an All-American in three events 50 free, 100 fly and 200 free relay. He was state champion in the 50 free and 100 fly. "It felt great," Taylor said "It was like a dream come true and a lot of hard work paying off."

In the end, the team accomplished the highest place overall in school history. "We started in early November, Christmas break, and won all of our conference meets, districts and then did really well at state," Ross said. *Spread by Elizabeth Schiefelbein and Faisal Alabsi*

Date	Score	Team
12/04	121 48	Lincoln
12/06	61.5 108.5	Ames
12/08	131 39	East
12/20	2nd 291.5	Mercer Inv.
01/03	2nd 303	Johnston Inv.
01/05	137 15	Ft. Dodge
01/08	137 33	Indianola
01/13	112 58	Dowling
01/22	68 26	SE Polk
01/26	95 75	Ankeny
01/31	1st 388	CIML Conference
02/07	1st 337	Districts
02/14	5th 100	State

122  
practices  
attended  
by swimmers



Wow, that's a lot of practices. I knew we were working really hard, but that's a big number. We had morning and afternoon practices and the morning ones were the worst.  
Tyler Bradley '10

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Walking through Arlington National Cemetery during their "We the People" trip, senior Neal Herink along with tour guide Mr. Map search for William J. Beckwith's grave. Beckwith, colonel from the Korean and Vietnam war, was Herink's great uncle. Herink was one of nine students to attend We the People in Washington D.C.  
photo by alma jovancevic

## Debates Spark First Place Finish

Students win state first time since starting

For the first time since its beginning six years ago, We The People: The Citizen and the Constitution, a group devoted to a greater understanding of the Constitution, received noteworthy glory. The group placed first at state. "The team won the Iowa We The People Competition Championship through practice, practice and a little bit of luck," coach Jeremy Yenger said. This qualified the team for the national competition in Washington, D.C.

A competitive team consisted of nine people, the exact amount the team had. The team worked in groups of three to argue their parts of the "Constitution" or "Bill of Rights." "I debated with (senior) Ethan (Nutter) and (senior) Alma (Jovancevic) on the Bill of Rights," junior Yelena Varley said. "We genuinely debated. We didn't memorize specifics and then freeze up when the judges asked us how, say, the Fourth Amendment applied to Scooter Libby." The teams worked in separate groups; however, in the end the overall score applied to the whole team.

The competitions were held in the form of a Constitutional hearing, where debate and speech skills were beneficial. "I was signed up for it (We The People) by my friends," senior Ethan Nutter said. "It seemed like a good fit, I like to talk and I like to know about government." The teams had three minutes each to respond with a prepared statement, the question was released prior to the competition, before a panel of judges

asked more in depth and specific questions. "We all had skills in debate and speech that allowed us to dominate the competition."

We The People's competitions weren't just based off of winning and losing but also learning about government. A major part of the organization, which was established on the 200th anniversary of the Constitution with a plan to educate the nation's elementary and secondary student's in civic competence and responsibility. "(We The People) sounded like a fun activity that would help prepare me for government class and inform me about government," junior William McDowell said. "The most important part of We The People is learning how our government works with the Constitution."

The members of the team could only participate for one year so that one school did not gain an advantage over other schools. "Everyone has a really sarcastic, mordant sense of humor and we're all liberals," Varley said. Although none of the members from the current team could participate next year, the ability to learn concepts of the "Constitution" were still possible. "Being the first team from Johnston to ever win at state was exciting, especially since I got to espouse my flagrantly liberal opinions with no holds barred." *spread by meredith batz and mindy dickerson*

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**We Questioned:**  
what is the most  
interesting character  
you have ever  
portrayed?

**They Answered:**  
I played a club  
owner named Hilky  
Glass, who was  
just not a nice  
guy. So I got  
to play a really  
slimmy and nasty  
character which  
was a ton of fun.  
Dylan Che '09

Sophomore Shae Atterberg  
and freshman Elizabeth Mills  
participate in a mock trial  
practice after school. Even  
though they didn't make it  
to state, Team Impeachment  
and Cream was satisfied with  
their efforts.

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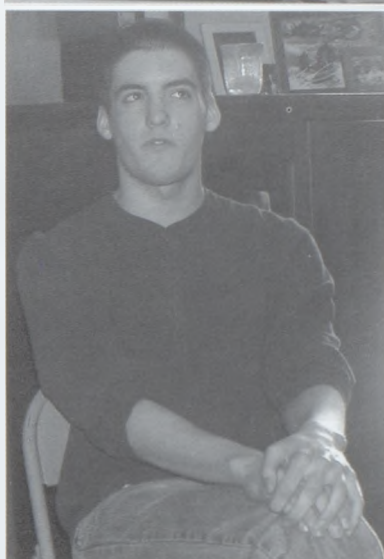
Junior Catherine Caracci  
skims through her notes  
during a late night mock  
trial practice. "It's helped  
me improve my self-  
confidence," Caracci said.  
"I'm more comfortable  
with public speaking and  
even sharing my ideas in  
my classes. I also had the  
opportunity to coach my  
brother's middle school  
team in the fall. It was great  
to be able to help them  
improve while polishing my  
own skills."

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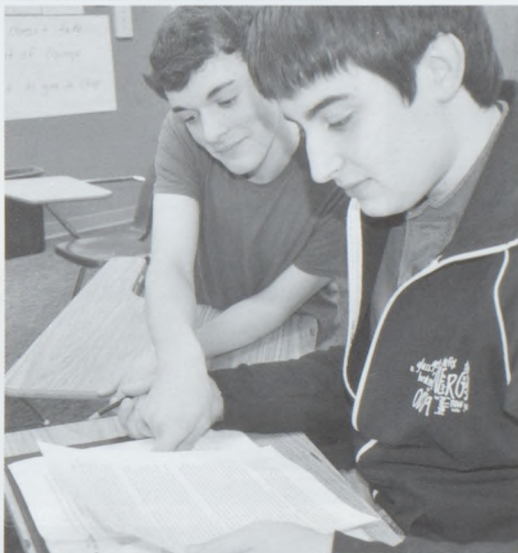
Conversing with each  
other, juniors Bailey  
Petersma and Kyle Soyer  
rehearse their roles. Team  
Tinseltrog advanced to  
mock trial run offs. "Our  
team worked really well  
because we have been  
together for four years  
and we have lots of fun  
together," Petersma said.

photo by philip mortens



Contemplating his  
answer, junior Alex Grapp  
rehearses with other team  
members before the state  
mock trial tournament.  
Grapp played an Austrian  
witness that was a  
psychologist at a college,  
"I get to think objectively,"  
Grapp said. "The peeps  
are great and we joke  
around a lot."

photo by philip mortens



Sophomore Alex Hjelmaas  
studies the affidavit, the  
police report for the case  
while non-mock trial member  
sophomore Owen Ballard  
observes and helps. Ballard  
stayed after to support  
friends and be an extra for  
the mock trial team.

photo by meredith batz



While visiting General  
Robert E. Lee's house  
on their "We the  
People" trip seniors  
Ethan Nutter, Neal  
Herink and juniors  
William McDowell  
and Fred Shen wait in  
90-degree weather  
for their next stop on  
the tour.

photo by alma jovancevic

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**Junior Alex** ▶  
Piechl lines up  
the ball to the  
pins. Piechl had a  
personal best score  
of 245 this year.  
*photo by matthew courtney*



**Junior Jordan**  
Thompson releases his  
bowling ball during  
practice. The bowling  
team practiced every  
Tuesday and Thursday  
night at Plaza Lanes,  
which Thompson's  
family owns.  
*photo by matthew courtney*



**Sophomore Jake**  
Hermanson steps to  
line the ball up with the  
pin while at practice.  
Hermanson bowled  
fourth seed varsity.  
*photo by matthew courtney*



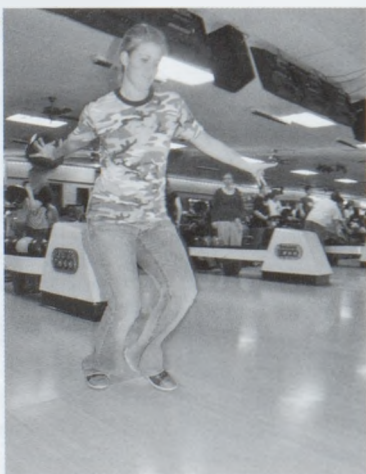
**Senior Jerri**  
Michnier swings  
his arm during a  
bowling practice.  
Michnier was one of  
two seniors on the  
entire bowling team  
*photo by matthew courtney*



**Junior Amy Bowers,**  
in motion with the  
ball in her hand,  
prepares to throw.  
Bowers was the  
number one varsity  
girls bowler.  
*photo by matthew courtney*



Swinging her arm back, ▶  
trying to get the maximum  
momentum, junior Bailey  
Knapp prepares to roll her  
ball. "(Coach Jeremy) Yenger  
made us work on spares  
a lot and it really helped,"  
Knapp said. "I can hit any  
pin or spare on the lane  
with the new ball I got at the  
beginning of the season."  
*photo by matthew courtney*



◀ Freshman Amanda Teel  
begins her approach to the  
lane. "Bowling is one of my  
favorite sports because you can  
compete and not be stressed out  
at all," Teel said. "Your friends  
are there to support you and  
compete at the same time."  
*photo by matthew courtney*

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# Always IMPROVING. Achieving

## TEAM PROVES THEMSELVES COMPETENT

The first day of tryouts, nerves were wearing thin, and the intimidation factor was setting in. Coach Jeremy Yenger was realizing how many different levels of bowlers he had. Beginning with extremely low averages, the girls team battled back, obtaining third at the conference meet.

The girls team started without consistent attendance which in turn affected their scores as individuals, and as a team. "The girls really lacked consistency in their players which made it hard for them to really compete as a team," coach Jeremy Yenger said. There was more attention to be given to individuals at practice by Yenger and assistant coach Jeremiah Keltner due to the low player attendance. At practices, they learned basic skills and helped develop personal styles and techniques for each player's needs. "Once they began to have a little more consistency, the team's score and their attitudes picked up," Yenger said.

At practice, on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school, Yenger had the teams practice spares habitually. "Being able to pick up spares can easily take you from say, a 100 average to a 130 average," junior Bailey Knapp said. "The ability to pick up spares makes you get much better scores."

As the year continued on, the girls excelled individually, helping their team score improve as well. Although they weren't scoring high the first half of the season, their scores began to climb each time they competed. "The small size of the team made it a little easier to get better as individuals," junior Amy Bowers said. "There was low pressure and everyone got to know each other pretty well."

Every year, there is a bowling conference held at the end of the season. "We got third behind S.E. Polk and Ankeny," Teel said. "We just kept at it and eventually we pulled it together in time for conference. Practice may not make perfect, but it sure makes significant improvement."

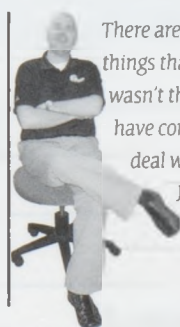
Being the final component of the season, the girls stepped up their game for the conference. "Each girl on the team improved their score by ten pins at our conference," Bowers said. "I improved my score by 15 pins and got the highest score I've gotten this season."

The girls unified and used the skills learned at practices to help them succeed as a team at their final competition. Each team member improved their average which helped their individual scores and the team score. Those who attended the practices regularly used their learned skills and brought the girls team to success by the end of their season. *Spread by claire nichols and matthew courtney*

Date	Boys Score		Team
1/5	2843	2606	Dowling Catholic
1/13	2615	2830	S.E. Polk
1/19	2694	2590	Urbandale
1/26	2555	2652	S.E. Polk
1/27	2521	2259	Dowling Catholic
2/2	3rd	2326	Tri Meet
2/10	2807	3036	Marshalltown
2/11	2nd	2744	Conference

Date	Girls Score		Team
12/4	2103	2290	Waukee
12/16	1879	1902	Ankeny
1/13	2206	2502	S.E. Polk
1/22	2069	2052	Ankeny
1/26	1973	2305	S.E. Polk
1/27	2091	2005	Dowling
2/2	2272	2072	Marshalltown
2/12	3rd	2172	Conference

**minutes**  
waiting for a train to pass



There are things in your control and things that are out of your control. Since I wasn't the conductor of the train (I didn't have control). That's life. You have to deal with it. We arrived back in frigid Johnston at 11:30pm.  
**Jeremy Yenger, Coach**

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# Shimmering SPRING

Senior Kate Nielson signs her name adding a heart-felt message on a poster for Liz Cassler, junior of S.E. Polk. Cassler suffered major head injuries while riding passenger in a car crash over winter break. S.E. Polk School held a fund raiser called Laps4Liz on April 4th. The event included paying \$20, and walking around the track in support of Liz. They provided free food, country music by local artist Jason Brown, and T-shirts that read "Liz=Courage." Cassler is now located at On With Life, a rehabilitation center in Ankeny.



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Soaking up some sun rays, psychology teacher Jason Jauron takes his sleepy first hour class out to the tennis courts parking lot for some note taking. Jauron's class had an upcoming quiz they went outside to study for.

The sun finally came out.

Revealing unexpected wins against Valley and Ankeny.

While the future also shined brightly for graduates.

Leaving behind young teams,

with high hopes

that Swine Flu would not take over Johnston.

While hopes that Somali pirates would not take over the sea.

The sun shined for same-sex couples across the state.

While rain showers, and sunny skies brought a bright season.

This was a shimmering spring.



Junior Tommy Larson bends his body in mid-air to clear the bar. Larson received fourth at state for high jumping. "My highest jump ever was at Valley high school, breaking the meet record and setting my personal best at 6'8 1/4," Larson said.



Photo by alma jovancevic

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# VIDEOS VERSUS *Vintage*

## Students give mixed reviews on videos, note taking

Throughout high school, note taking is the norm, whereas watching videos is only a rare occurrence. Although watching a video may seem more exciting, it is not always valuable to the students. "I don't think that they (videos) are always beneficial because most people just zone out or sleep during them, especially if you don't have to take notes or anything," senior Jessica Rice said.

While some videos may lack the intended betterment, there are some cases in which this was not true. "Even though you are not being taught by the teacher, you are still learning," junior Austin Polson said. Various forms of learning are important for the students because not everyone learns in quite the same way and a variety is a secure way to see what works best. "I think watching videos is a great way to gain perspective on how it really was during a certain time period," Polson said. "It was cool to see how people lived and acted in different time periods."

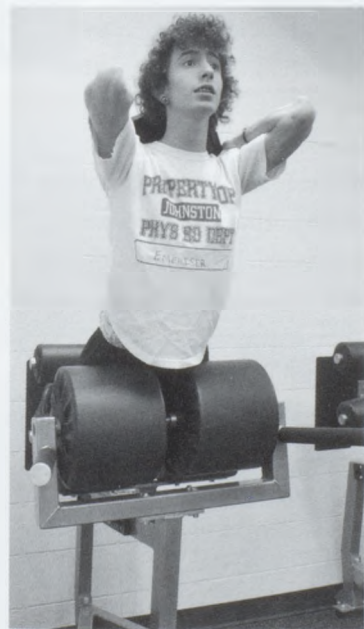
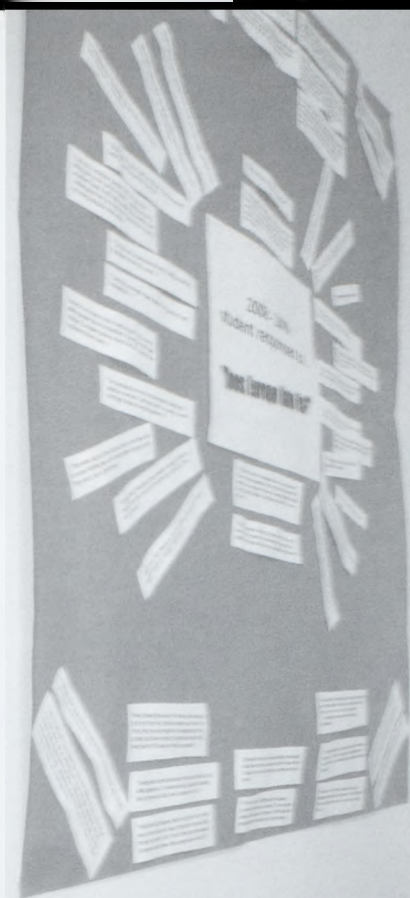
Although Rice preferred note taking over videos, one video in particular caught her interest: "Does Europe Hate Us?" by Thomas Friedman. "It kind of made me mad because other countries were comparing us to Saddam Hussein and I don't see us like that at all," Rice said. The video was shown in Ben Knight and Jeremy Yenger's government classes to give the students a clear view of countries outside

of the United States. It depicted the feelings of outrage and hostility that European countries felt towards the United States and George Bush, in particular. "It was weird to see other people's opinions of us because we always learn about history from an American point of view," Rice said.

Students not only are asked to watch videos, but they are also asked to create videos that would represent a part of history. "Mr. Assmussen wanted us to reenact a part of history for part of our final and fourth quarter grade," sophomore Ryan Kitchen said. The videos were supposed to be about other countries and not about U.S. History. "I believe they (videos) can help us get a better feeling of what it was like and some can go a little more in depth," Kitchen said. "I prefer videos because I don't have to take notes."

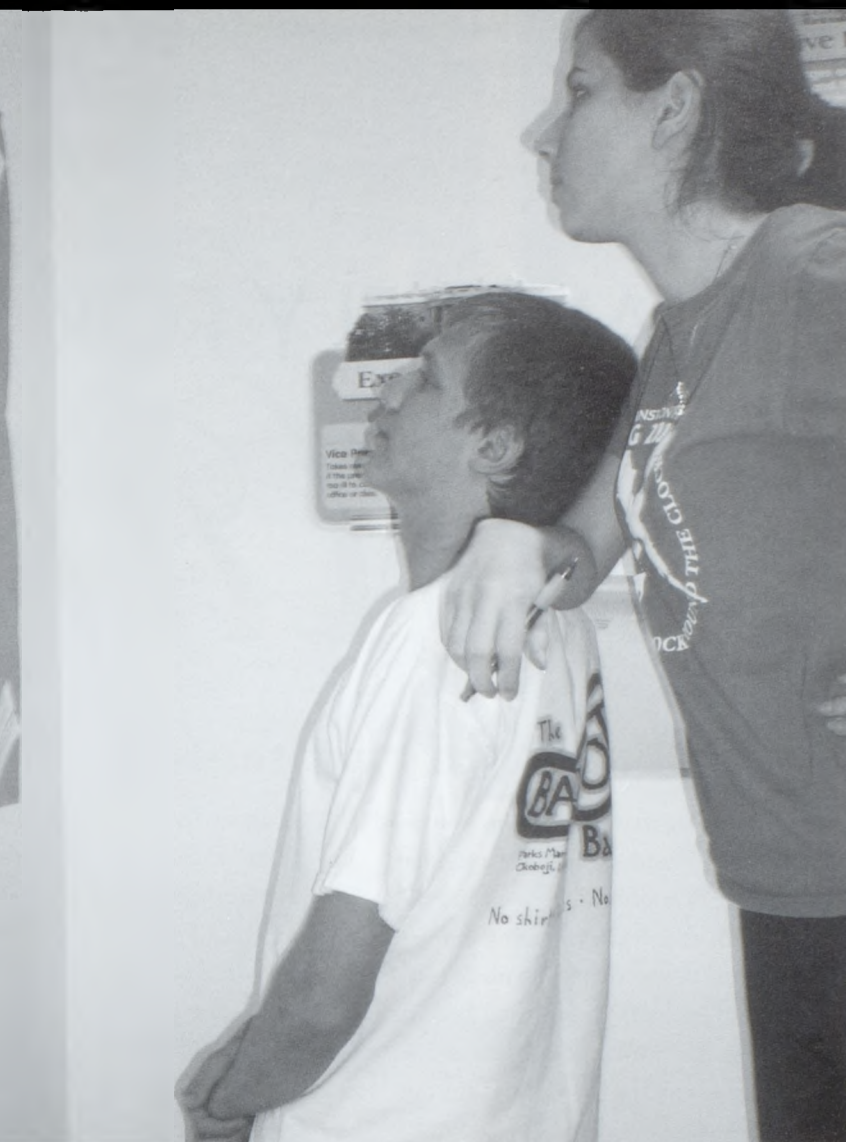
While videos usually hold the incentive of not being required to take notes, this is not always held in positive regard by the students. "I enjoy watching videos, but I think for me, having notes is better because then I can study by looking at the notes," Polson said. "The tests aren't really over the videos either, so that's not really helpful when I'm trying to study." There are pros and cons of videos and of note taking, but their intentions are to help the students, and they both accomplish just that. *Spread by*  
*mindy dickerson*





▲ Thrusting himself upwards, junior Christopher Emhiser lifts a 25 pound weight in Track Four P.E. The students ran through a series of circuits intended to assist them in gaining muscle mass or staying in shape. The students' workout was created daily by P.E teacher Brian Lutter.

photo by mindy dickerson



▲ Racing towards the goal in Track Three P.E., senior Joey Gowdy attempts to score during a vigorous game of cone ball. The object off the game was to knock a ball off the tip of a road construction cone and gain as many points as possible.

photo by zach jensen

◀ Reading the quote wall, seniors Josh Hansen and Emira Deumic study their government classmates ideas on the movie "Does Europe Hate Us?" "Some people have no grasp on foreign policy with Europe," Hansen said.

photo by mindy dickerson



▲ Attentively interviewing Jean Stebbins, resident of McAuley Terrace, junior Kristen Good quietly reflects on the effects of agism (discrimination against the elderly). Teacher Kelly Coleman's Social Issues class actively learned the functions of senior citizens among today's society.

photo by brianna ryan



◀ Lending a helping hand, senior Justin Amick points out an interesting passage in King Arthur to fellow senior Jonathan Nelson. "Reading the myths in King Arthur was really interesting and Amick and I had fun looking at the different characters," Nelson said.

photo by amanda gabbert



Spencer Vasey '11

**Class:** AP World History

**Rating:** ★★★★★

**Why:** The course is more difficult and intense than regular history, but I like it better because I feel like I'm learning more and I can deal with that.

Family Consumer Science Art Industrial Technology ELL Foreign Language



# PAPER PLANES FLY FOR

# Math

## AP Stats learn Hypothesis Testing

Wandering back to class after going to the bathroom, you head down the very elongated, expanded commons. All of a sudden a quick splash of air hits the side of your head. A few paper airplanes just briefly fly past you, almost crash-landing in the side of your head. You turn your head to see where that plane just came from and you see a class of students bombarding aircrafts in your direction. Completely puzzled, you notice math teacher Vickie Borich standing there directing the students. Turns out it's the AP Statistics class working on an activity.

Borich has taught this class for two years and done that activity every semester. "The activity is designed to make comparisons between two objects to introduce the concept of hypothesis testing," Borich said. "It is a fun way to collect data and flying the paper airplanes in the Commons area creates some interesting events during the course of the data collection."

Throwing the planes down the Commons had many setbacks that also could have ruined the data. "One thing I would change would be I would have liked to go outside and do it so we don't have the restraint of a ceiling and maybe the planes would fly farther," senior Adam Frakes said.

In math class, students sit at their desks learning from overheads and power points, but this activity allowed students to get up out of their desks and use mathematics that interacts with paper planes. "It was really fun to get out of our desks and do something besides our normal book problems," senior Kealeigh Gebard said. "Hands-on learning is always good, especially in math."

The students first built three types of planes, two of which they were instructed how to make and the third were told they

to design by themselves. Then they got into groups and threw their different types of airplanes to see how far they would go and recorded the data. "I liked creating the paper planes and seeing cool designs that other students made," Frakes said. "Also, the chance to interact with math instead of crunching numbers was fun."

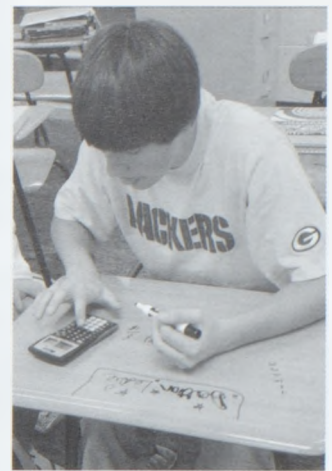
This activity had a lot to do with statistics. The goal was to compare the two types of paper airplanes. "Which plane is the better design, statistically?" Borich said. "Which plane flew the furthest? Statistically, is there enough of a difference between the designs to account for the flight distance? These questions about paper airplanes are the foundation to analyzing other situations with hypothesis testing."

Sitting at a desk all day can tire and bore students and become very uncomfortable with the rock-solid wooden desks. "Even though I do learn better from overheads and power points," junior Alex Grieve said. "It's good every once in awhile to get up and do something cooperative."

Every student has their own different techniques that help benefit their learning experience. "It fully engages me in the activity and makes sure my mind doesn't have time to wander around or my hands to fiddle around like if I was sitting at a desk," Frakes said.

Doing this activity makes math class a more enjoyable time. "I do believe students have a fun time with this," Borich said. "The flight of the airplanes is unpredictable and this provides some interesting events to occur and provides for humorous moments. The interesting piece of information though, is the number of students who have never made paper airplanes." *Spread by zach jensen*





▲ Sophomore Dalton Leslie works on cosine, sine, and tangent problems in math teacher Isaac Rodenberg's Geometry class. The students got to work out the problems on their desk with a partner to complete the answer.  
*photo by zach jensen*

◀ Releasing her paper airplane during AP Statistics, senior Zach Buckley and junior Amanda Korkow let it fly through the air down the Commons. The purpose of the activity was to see which two prototype paper airplane models had superior flight characteristics, including the average distance flown.  
*photo by zach jensen*



▲ Junior Emily Voss and science teacher Dustin Mead set up a grid in front of the school so they can estimate a population in Environmental Science. Voss was Mead's service credit and assisted him in setting up activities for the next day.  
*photo by matthew courtney*



▲ Working as a group in teacher Kevin Schulte's Anatomy and Physiology class, juniors Angela Bates, Taylor Smith, and Ella Heinicke dissect a cat. "I didn't particularly like dissecting the cat, but it is a good learning experience," Smith said. "We all had to name our cats and before we knew the gender we named our cat George because we thought it was a he. It ended up being a she, but her name was still George."  
*photo by alma jovancevic*



◀ Taking a glance through the microscope, sophomore Chelsea Waltz looks at a blood cell in Brad Hurst's Biology class. "I think it's cool to look at the things through the microscope because you get to see the object of the cell from a total different point of view," Waltz said. "You never knew that something could look so different when it is magnitized that much."  
*photo by katie lashier*



Alliea Deal '10

**Class:** Advanced Life Science  
**Rating:** ★★★★★

**Why:** We actually get to go outside and interact with the environment and don't sit down and do power points like other classes. You get to learn about plants and animals on a different level.

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# GETTING DOWN TO *Business*

## Students Gain Career Experience from Class

Typically, students have jobs outside of school. Jobs and the money earned help buy countless gallons of gas, to get back and forth to the job, school and friends' houses. What most students didn't realize is that the same job they used to pay for the fluctuating gas prices could also get them college credits.

Josh Hansen, a senior, took the course, Co-op Work, for college credit. He heard that it was considered an easy "A" and the dual-credit from DMACC didn't hurt, either. "I like the class because Mrs. (Kristine) Volesky tests over what she teaches in class," Hansen said. The work inside the class was low-key, allowing many students to focus on their job. The requirements outside of class were something Hansen already had covered with his job at Fareway.

Students were required to have a job and work ten hours a week to be considered in the class. Periodically, the students had to ask their employers to fill out an evaluation of their work and the evaluation translates to a grade that is given for the class. "I am more motivated," senior Morgan Haugland said. The evaluations helped students improve their career skills. It allowed them to identify areas of their work where they could improve. Working and understanding how to become a better employee gave the students in Volesky's Co-op Work valuable experience they could use outside the classroom. "My

boss told me I need a whiter work shirt and I need to talk less," Haugland said.

The abilities students gained from the class couldn't be found in a textbook. They had to learn these abilities through mistakes, and an understanding that these are skills that can be used for the rest of their lives. "We learn how to make it in the real world," Haugland said.

Volesky was hired specifically to teach the course, after the previous teacher who taught Co-op left for DMACC. "It helped students prepare for post-secondary education and career success," Volesky said. The class aims to help students who are looking for a way to make it out in the "real world."

Senior Gabe Tovar used his job at American to fulfill the requirements of the class. "I think it helps keep me on track with my job," Tovar said. The balance between work and school is put together to create a class for students looking to improve their career skills and understand life outside of high school. "It's a great class for kids looking for credit if they already have a job," Tovar said.

With the class being dependent on the job, obtaining one was the first key to getting into the class; the other was making sure that a job was kept all semester. "The only difficulty some people have is getting and keeping a job," Hansen said. *Spread by hannah emmerson*





▲ Stirring furiously, senior Kerri Dreibelbeis whips up the filling for a batch of deviled eggs for her assignment. "Culinary Arts is full of cooking new recipes and trying new things so I really enjoy the class," Dreibelbeis said.

photo by Hannah Emmerson

◀ Senior Gabe Tovar explains to a customer at American the features of different GPS systems for cars. Tovar fulfilled part of the requirements for his Co-op work class by maintaining his job at American.

photo by Hannah Emmerson



▲ Senior Jacob Rosenstengle chops salami in order to prepare for a teachers' luncheon. Rosenstengle was assembling a pasta salad as a test run before the actual salad they were to create for the luncheon.

photo by Hannah Emmerson



◀ Focusing intently upon his placement, junior James Neely does his best to pour the right amount of glue on the edge of his board. Neely was making a model for his Studio Art class taught by Daniel Weiss.

photo by Hannah Emmerson

▲ Gazing over Lindsay Adams' shoulder, teacher Daniel Weiss gives his opinion about a font face Adams was considering for her project. Adams flipped through a multitude of types before finally agreeing with Weiss on a single font face.

photo by Hannah Emmerson



Amanda  
Walker-King  
'09

Class: Co-Op Work

Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★

Why: Co-Op work gave me a lot of experience that helped me with my job. It was also an easy way to get college credit.

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# AUTO TECHNOLOGY GIVES

# Experience

## DMACC courses enables students to find their niche

Brushing himself off from fixing his car, sophomore Alex Wolfe leaves the Auto Technology room, knowing what his future holds. He wants to open his own garage and fabricate cars. Auto Tech was a starter class that taught students how to customize, take an engine apart and the basic how-to's about cars. "Cars interest me," Wolfe said. "Math and physics are not hard for me."

Wolfe wanted to take advantage of his car skills. "I want to have my own garage, learn to fabricate, like the stuff on 'Pimp My Ride' only cooler," Wolfe said. He is planning on taking DMACC classes his junior year. The Industrial Technology Department offers classes: Automotive Technology, Automotive Collision, Diesel and Production Engineering. Each three-credit college course is worth a half credit at high school level. The programs range in total credits from 10 to 17 DMACC credits. When done with all the DMACC courses during high school, Wolfe will be able to start up a garage right after graduation. Interest in cars seems to be something that Auto Tech started or help confirm.

Junior Dylan Melroy has been building cars since he was a little kid. He likes cars because he can build them the way he wants them. "You get what you put into it," Melroy said. "The more time you put into it, the better

it looks." Melroy likes Auto Tech because it was a good foot-in the door class. "If you get into cars or racing, it helps you choose what you want to do," Melroy said. He's a hands-on learner too. He likes to get to use his hands for projects and fixing things. "I can't learn from taking notes in class."

Industrial Technology teacher Mitch Eagles tries to push his students in the class by making sure his classes are hands on when they needed to be. "The best thing is that they can pursue this and make it a future career." Eagles said, "Next year over 20,000 jobs over the United States will be open for mechanics."

Eagles had no girls in his class this past semester. "A lot of girls tell me they just don't want to catch on fire," Eagles said. Melroy thinks that girls just don't want to "get down and dirty" so they don't take the class. "It seems like cars don't intrigue them, I guess," Melroy said.

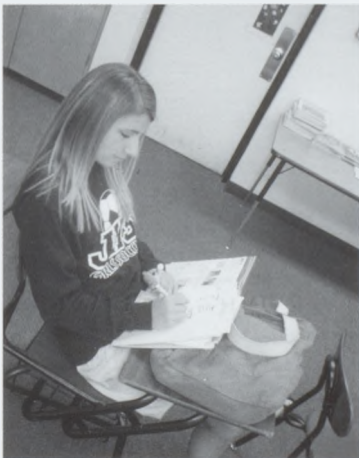
With the classes newly available, students are able to make their future come alive. With having the advantage of DMACC classes, students will learn what it's like to be in college. *Spread by emily welch and kara anderson*





▲ Sophomores Hunter LaFollette and Michael Knoedel speak fluent French as they role play skits that they had been preparing for a week. Although this time they used notes, they both agreed that throughout the year they improved their French speeches.  
*photo by kara anderson*

◀ Junior Caleb Larkin changes a car's tire that another student had brought in earlier that week. Students usually brought their cars to Industrial Technology to have minor repairs done to them and, at the same time, learn how to service them.  
*photo by kofi manteaw*



▲ Taking notes in a variety of three colors, sophomore Adela Hodzic relies on the different color coordination to determine different tenses of verbs in Spanish II. "Mrs. (Elizabeth) Daza always has a fun and unique way of keeping us all focused and involved in class, whether we're taking notes or up and doing stuff," Hodzic said.  
*photo by kara anderson*



▲ Senior John Hall shoots his ball from his catapult in hopes of gaining the distance that was expected out of the class. Each student designed and tested a catapult to see who could get the farthest distance, as well as who could come closest to hitting a desired target.  
*photo by kofi manteaw*



◀ Pulling up Web sites to go see attractions throughout Des Moines, senior Sam Parker navigates through a page on the Internet. "I have learned a lot about technology throughout this year," Parker said. He thought ELP was a great way to expand knowledge of yourself and surroundings.  
*photo by kara anderson*



Kari  
Ross, '10

Class: Spanish 3

Rating: ★★★★★

Why: "I like how you get to interact with your classmates in different ways. It makes it a lot more fun, and keeps you interested."



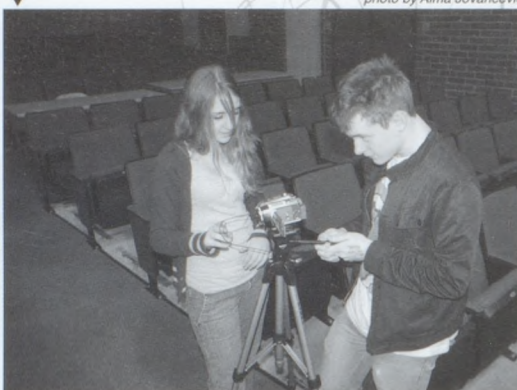
Junior Azra Feriz and college freshman Brittany Pokornoy work at Texas Roadhouse. They seated customers according to a chart that told which tables were empty.

Seniors Neal Herink and Alex Garland move the camera around the auditorium as they re-film to try and get the shots just right. They were filming a project for video production after school, to have enough tape to make edits the next day during class.

photo by monika sehic



photo by Alma Jovancevic



Sophomore Sarah Schulte organizes a new shipment of shirts on the display table that had come into Heritage earlier that week. "I love working at Heritage because of the variety of clothing and style that the store provides," said Schulte.

photo by brooklyn drake



photo by zach jensen

Junior Ben Fincher attempts to make a move to get around junior Justin Handel while playing a pick up game at Johnston stadium. "The pick-up games are fun and a good way to get touches on the ball before the season started," Handel said.

Senior Allison Kane and junior Adam Johanson serve soup at the Soup Supper at Saint James Lutheran Church kitchen. The serving of soup contributed to the meal before the lenten vespers service.



photo by Lisa Friesth

Aiming at the target sophomore Ryan Coulson released the quiver hitting the desired target. Coulson along with senior, Anna Kurns attended the state convention in the Iowa Events Center complex.

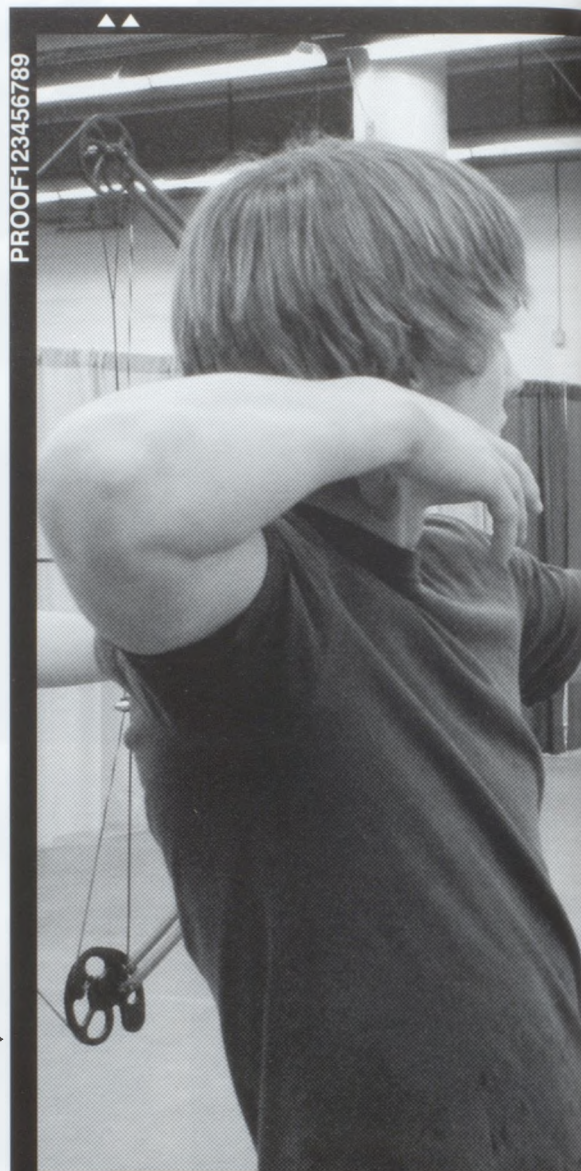


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## pisces

Name:  
Ginny  
Anagnost  
'10  
Birthday:  
February 27



- Romantic
- Trustworthy
- Dreamy
- Unrealistic
- Impractical

She Says: "I am very carefree and only focus on living every-day to the fullest."

Just about to release the ball, junior Kelsey Fiala brings the ball in her approach while bowling at junior Courtney Kreinbring's 17th birthday party. After bowling two games, the girls concluded the night at Perkins.

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# Aiming FOR THE Bulls Eye

*Students advance to state in a school non-sponsored sport*

Waking up every morning at seven a.m. the week before state, senior Anna Kurns practices her archery along with sophomores Ryan Coulson and Joe Kraber. Prior to that week, optional archery practices were held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Even though Kurns attended those, she wanted extra practice and dedicated herself to practicing every morning. "It sucked getting up that early," Kurns said. "But I really wanted to win it this year."

The practices started with setting up the nets and quarrels. Fifteen minutes later the team would start shooting, first at fifteen meters, then at ten meters. Although the practices allowed Kurns to practice her aiming, she didn't realize that the targets would be set up differently at the state meet. "I had to miss the meet prior to state that had the right set up, due to a show choir competition," Kurns said.

Despite her misfortune Kurns still went on to win the N.A.S.P. Scholarship at the state meet, a \$1,000 value. "I got there, did my practice rounds and realized that the state set up was actually easier than what I've been practicing on," Kurns said.

After her shooting turn at 10 a.m. Kurns had to leave the meet early for a show choir competition, without

finding out her score. Coach Dave Beason stayed back for the whole meet and called Kurns around 9:30 p.m. to let her know the results. "He called and said 'well one girl did better than you,' I was freaking out," Kurns said. "He told me 'she won the bow' but I asked who won the scholarship." There was a long pause on the other end, and finally Beason let Kurns know she won.

Kurns had a shooting score of 273 out of 300 and hit ten bulls eyes out of the thirty arrows she shot. She placed second after sophomore Erin Krei of Spencer High School with a score of 283. "Anna was really determined to win that scholarship," Beason said. "She even said that at the end of last year, and she worked really hard this year."

Beason was able to bring 23 other qualifiers to state. Senior Michael Friesth had a score of 232 and junior Katie Hinkle had a score of 246. "Even though archery is only an extension of the physical education program, there are still lots of students that do it just for their own enjoyment," Beason said.

**Spread by alma jovancevic  
and kara anderson**

"What's that you say?!" screamed junior Jordan Thompson and seniors Jacob Heil and Benjamin Hijelmaas as they marched to the beat of the cheer that the cheerleaders rallied. Johnston was playing S.E Polk at WDM Valley for the sub-state final game, beating the Rams 67-60.



*photo by olivia schiefelbein*

photo by brittany deal

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Seniors John Puffett and Zach Buckley attempt to fix their RC car after experiencing damage. After the first race, a pile up occurred, causing one of the steering rods to snap in half. Despite their misfortune, the team was able to win first during the final round.  
*photo by amanda gabbert*

# *Destruction Causes* **Celebration** *Pile up leads to car breakage*

Entering through the doors of Winterset High School, seniors Zach Buckley, Cody Catron and John Puffett tried to locate a hallway to set up for the remote control, RC, car races. There was much to be done after the boys chose their hallway. "(We had to) get the car out and set up, charge all the batteries up, test drive and get some tunes going," Puffett said.

Catron drove the car for the first heat, getting 18 laps. While he raced, the problem solving event was starting. As soon as the race was over, Catron had to rush to the other event. "I knew they could handle it," Catron said.

Buckley and Puffett picked the car up from the end of the track to discover the front, right steering rod had snapped in half. They rushed back to the hallway to try to fix the car before the next heat, which was approximately 20 minutes later. "We tried gluing it, zip-tying an allen wrench to it (and) shrink-wrapping tape to it," Puffett said. "Eventually, we just electrical-taped the crap out of it."

To ensure the car would make it through the next heat, Buckley chose to drive the car. "I always plan to drive slow; that way I can drive smart and aggressive," Buckley said. "Once it broke I had to drive conservatively and stay away from other cars to avoid wrecking." He placed first, gaining

23 laps. Buckley also raced the third heat, and the team had a total score of 65 laps, qualifying for finals.

For the final race, Buckley drove the car. About halfway through they had to make a battery change, which Catron chose to do. "We let the car go longer before the battery change so that Buckley could get more laps when no one else was out," Catron said.

When the race was over, the team stood next to the judges' table to find out who the winner was. They announced that Winterset had won, 53-52. "I usually pay attention while I race to who passes me and the cars I pass, and there wasn't a car that passed me that I didn't pass back so I knew I won," Buckley said. "When they said I didn't win, I went to the score keeper's sheet and he added wrong."

The correct score was 57 laps, not 52. Advisor Mitch Eagles was disappointed with the miscount, but happy that the boys won.

By winning first place at a competition, the boys qualified for state, which was held at Adventureland. It was a two day race, and the team won first. *Spread by amanda gabbert*

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**We Questioned:**  
If you could  
win one event,  
what would it be  
and why?

**They Answered:**  
Architectural model.  
I really like doing  
it, but it's no walk in  
the park. All your  
measurements have  
to be spot on, and  
your cuts have to be  
perfect. - Christie  
Sitzer '09

Sitting outside the classroom  
in a hallway, sophomores  
Taylor von Rentzell and Nicole  
Malli work on the problem  
solving event. Using clay and  
toothpicks, they had to make  
a structure to extend the  
farthest from behind a line.  
*photo by amanda gabbert*



Sophomore Vickilee Thomas  
prepares to cut a piece of  
balsa wood for her bridge. At  
the state competition, Thomas  
and her partner, sophomore  
Melinda Busch, were given  
two hours to design and build  
a bridge. The team placed  
third, qualifying for nationals.  
*photo by amanda gabbert*



Sophomore Michael  
McFarland and seniors John  
Puffett and Cody Catron  
await the next question at  
technology bowl. Each round  
has ten questions that the  
teams try to answer, scoring  
ten points for correct answers  
and losing five for wrong  
ones. Their team won second.  
*photo by amanda gabbert*



Sophomore Melinda Busch  
gives a speech at the State  
TSA Convention. Busch gave  
a speech to try to convince  
people to vote for her to  
become a state officer. Busch  
was elected on the board and  
chosen to be the reporter.  
*photo by amanda gabbert*



Sitting atop a board, junior  
Ryan Quesnell and freshmen  
Cameron Brose participate  
in a challenge at the fall  
leadership camp at Camp  
Dodge. "We had to get the  
wooden box from one side to  
the other without falling into  
the water," Quesnell said. "It  
was very difficult because we  
only had three boards to use."  
*photo provided by mitch eagles*



Looking through her tool  
box, sophomore Taylor von  
Rentzell tries to find glue for  
a structure competition. "I  
thought we did pretty well,"  
von Rentzell said. "Everyone  
else was really frustrated  
because of the time limit,  
but I think we handled the  
pressure pretty well."  
*photo by amanda gabbert*

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Grabbing handouts to support Senior Josh O'Neill rinses her enlisted boyfriend, junior hair-dye out of his hair in a Nicole Postel visits the Marine's bathtub. O'Neill was redying booth outside the lunchroom. "I his hair because his previous was looking at information so I red hair dye washed out in can be informed of everything about two days. The new dye that will go on in the next couple was able to stay in for a week of years (with her boyfriend)," but eventually turned orange. Postel said.

photo by jon krueger



photo by meredith batz

Constructing homemade silly putty, senior Chris Harney and junior Shay Miller hand it over to each other. "It was fun to make it and a good way to spend a rainy day!" Miller said.

photo by jon krueger



photo by jordan sandquist

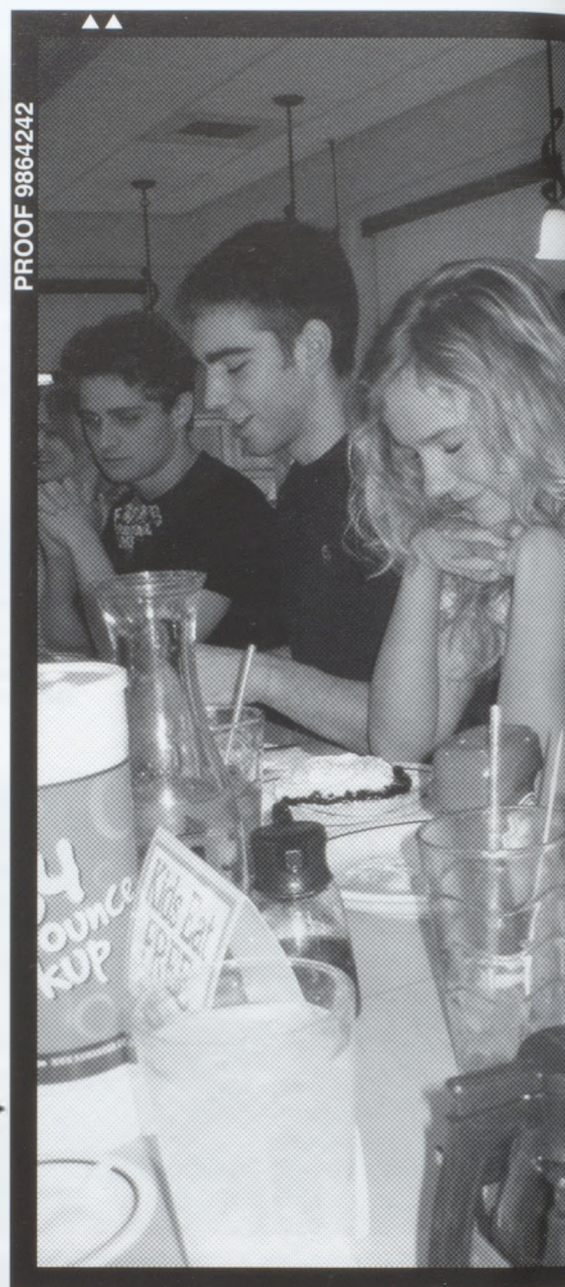
Due to back problems, sophomore Josh Bengtson soaks in the tub located in the trainer's room. The tub is able to create warm and cool temperatures to alleviate problems in muscles.

Sophomore Rebecca Campbell applies make-up to get ready to go to the mall. "I try not to stress about getting ready, but there are those days when you just got to look good!" said Campbell.



photo by monika sehic

Senior Aaron Meyer, juniors Nick Evans and Claire Ottley and senior Lindsay Timmons pray before their meal at IHOP. Students fasted in the name of God on Good Friday in remembrance for the day Jesus was buried.



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## Aries

Name:  
Talon  
Jendro '11

Birthday:  
April 16



- Honest
- Direct
- Make Quick Decisions
- Can-do Attitude

He Says: "It pretty much describes me. I'm spontaneous at making decisions and I never think that I can't do something."

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# Fasting FOR Faith

*Students skip eating on Good Friday for God*

"In Jesus' name, amen," students who celebrated Good Friday said as they stared at the food in front of them with their stomach growling. When the prayer was over, they devoured whatever delicious breakfast food they ordered from the International House of Pancakes (IHOP) after midnight.

In celebration of the Friday before Easter, the Friday that Jesus was buried, senior Lindsay Timmons invited people to fast with her. "Our reason was if God died for us, we can give up food for one day to thank him," junior Anne Fleming said. "We did it for our savior."

There were twenty or more students that participated, all from different churches, and they were to not eat at all during Good Friday. Fasting started from the last time you ate on Thursday to Friday at midnight. "There were about five (people) who actually fasted the whole time with just drinking water," senior Samantha Jungman said. "A lot of people, myself included, altered the fasting to fit them. I could drink anything, but no food."

Throughout the day, participants felt a strong urge to eat. The temptation got to junior Nick Evans, who couldn't last through the whole day. Evans did join in the midnight IHOP run though.

"The point of fasting is to pray any time you feel hungry, but being human, it still gets hard!" Jungman said. Working at Quiznos didn't help her with her hunger. "I had to work that night so that was super tough," Jungman said.

When midnight approached, everyone got ready to finally eat. IHOP was the restaurant of choice because it was open late. "We got there like ten minutes before midnight so we had to sit there and stare at everyone else in the restaurant eating," Jungman said.

When the food finally arrived, junior Claire Ottley dug into her massive plate of food. "I can honestly say that I've never eaten so much in one sitting!" Ottley said.

Ottley had previously fasted the past three years in a 30-hour fast for the Invisible Children Organization. "It's really empowering and gives you a great sense of self, while at the same time helping to direct your thoughts of the Lord throughout the fast," Ottley said.

Students that participated had fun celebrating a cause that serves a lot of significance to Christians. "It was a really good experience and it definitely makes you feel better about your relationship with God," Fleming said. "I never thought I could do it. I guess I'm stronger than I thought."

**Spread by makayla coulson**

Senior Alex Garland tries to pull down the screen used for overheads in film club. "I think everytime I pulled down that screen it would go past the stop marker," Garland said. "I could never get it back up and I always had to ask Dylan (Cue) to do it for me. That screen had it in for me."



*photo by hannah emmerson*

PHOTO BY erin funk

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Gaining momentum, freshman Tyler McCormick is about to fire the discus. "I've done track since seventh grade and I threw every year," McCormick said. "My personal best is 128 feet."

photo by panalie wiratsorn



#### Sophomore

Ryan Stapes warms up for his race by practicing his running with the baton.

photo by alma jovancevac



#### In midair junior

Tommy Larson arches over the high jump bar.

photo by jordan sandquist



#### Sophomore LJ

Lipscomb keeps a steady pace as he continues his relay at state.

photo by jordan sandquist



#### Junior Derek

Temple warms up with a high knee stretch before the Urbandale meet.

photo by alma jovancevac



Sophomore TJ Schultz leaps into the sandpit during the long jump. "We have our own technique. It's mostly about the drive when you jump and then throw your hips out and reach," Schultz said.

provided by korena grbavac



Sophomore Garret Kanwischer hands off the baton to sophomore Ben Gardiner in the 4x1 relay. The boys spent time practicing handing off the baton. "We did practices that the coaches taught, that helped a lot," Kanwischer said.

photo by alma jovancevac

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# Weather WITHERS Warm Ups

## TOGETHERNESS GIVES BOYS A MENTAL EDGE

Lap after lap; warm-up after warm-up; stretch after stretch. The boys' track team tries to stay warm and ready to run on a moments notice. "There was a two and half hour delay," sophomore L.J Lipscomb said. "It was raining hard, with lightning everywhere." Being inside didn't give anybody an advantage. None of the contestants were allowed to warm-up inside during the storm.

Not being allowed to practice inside or get ready for the district race caused problems when preparing for the big day. "The waiting caused problems for many guys," sophomore Erik Bergstrom said. "It didn't affect me though, I had plenty of time to warm-up before my race, since it was later in the night."

Warm-ups played a big part in the teams season. "At the beginning of the season we never warmed-up together," Lipscomb said. "Then at the end we began to warm-up together. It helped us prepare mentally for our up coming races, and events."

Even though track is a very individualized sport warming-up gave the teammates a chance to get to know each other. "We joked around most of the time and had handstand contests," senior Ben Hjelmaas said. "We were serious when we needed to be but we were just joking around and about as relaxed as possible."

Running at districts became a challenge due to the rain, and not being able to warm up. The together time that the team normally experienced, was not able to happen, affecting some but not others. Those who overcame the alternate schedule and won continued onto state where they ran in completely different conditions. From rain to extreme heat the side affects from running in the different weather became evident. "It was really, really hot," Lipscomb said. "Many of us got heat blisters on the balls of our feet. So for the sprinters it was really painful."

At the end of the season the different weather conditions didn't matter much to the team and only made team stronger, while the warm-ups not only made the season successful in the points but also in the comradery of the team.

**8**  
**Events**  
**Qualified**  
for state



"As the season went on the 4 X 1 team worked really hard to have better hand offs so they could get the baton around the track better. For the 4x 1 it (state) went really well, they got their best time."

**Joe Zahn '11**

Meet	Place
Johnston Invite	3rd
Ankeny, Valley & Urbandale Invite	5th
Roosevelt Invite	3rd
Urbandale Invite	5th
Conference	6th
Districts	3rd

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Gliding over the bar, sophomore Alex Hawks jumps during the state track meet. Hawks and junior Cassie Curtis participated in the high jump at Drake Stadium. Hawks received 11th, while Curtis ended the year with a third place finish.

*photo by jordain sandquist*



**Senior**  
Felica Coleman screams for her teammate, senior Taylor Chesnut, after passing off the baton.

*photo by brittany trow*



**Sophomore**  
Noelle Liljedahl and freshmen Sara Fincher jolt forward as their race starts.

*photo by jon krueger*



**Leaping over**  
the hurdle, sophomore Haley Bridgewater gets her start at the district meet.

*photo by jon krueger*



**Senior Taylor**  
Chesnut gets set in the block to run her district hurdle race.

*photo by brittany trow*



Senior Molli Kipp and junior Jenna Devens wait for the rain to stop, and begin to entertain themselves. "District was being postponed, so we were all chilling together and braiding each other's hair while waiting," Devens said.

*photo by brittany trow*



**Sophomore Christina Davis** hurls the shotput across the field during the district meet. The meet was held at nearby Urbandale High School.

*photo by hannah emmerson*



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# Experience BRINGS Success

## GIRLS BOND TOGETHER TO CONTINUE ONTO STATE

Sitting at the track banquet, reminiscing on her four years spent at Johnston, senior Taylor Chesnut remembers all the steps she took during her seasons. The cold winter months sprinting around through the hallways, hot spring weeks sweating on the track, and the happiness filled days when the blue track of Drake Stadium was under her feet.

In the last four years, Johnston has earned a trip to state for girls' track every year, but the beginning wasn't easy. Four years ago the girls went to state and ended with 0 points; now the some of the same girls ended their season with a sixth place finish. "They matured as runners and they learned through experience," Coach Chris Siewert said. "The only way to get better is through more competition."

With points rising with every state visit made, the improvement was easy to see, but the girls did not always credit drills. Points from last year helped to drive the team but teammates also played a factor in how the team preformed as well. "We compete against each other, but its healthy," junior Anna Belner said. "Its like we challenge each other, so we all can improve." Not only did the teammates push each other but the support from peers and friends helped while preparing for an event. "From sprinters, to distance, to throwers we support everyone," Belner said. "Knowing that people are always cheering for you really helps."

Technical advantages also helped the team improve from year to year, with practice on the Drake Stadium during both the Drake Relays and the Jim Duncan Track Meet, the girls were more conformable with the state meet. "We almost have a home court advantage going into the state meet," Taylor Chesnut said.

Coaches help the girls succeed year after year as well. "They set us up to succeed," Belner said. "All we have to do is take what they give us."

Siewert thought a big part of the team's success was that the girls had so many coaches. "I wanted my assistant coaches in the right spots," Siewert said. "It gives them freedom and it tells the girls they don't have one coach, they have five."

Ultimately it is up to each girl to preform better than the last year, to push herself. "The drive is unquestionable when it came to our team's desires," senior Felicia Coleman said. Being able to return to state four years in a row and consistently improve is something the track team hopes to continue. "Our slogan on the back of our shirts is We're Back and We're Stacked," Chesnut said, "which emphasizes that we have girls preforming at a very high, very impressive level from top to bottom and the track legacy that was started my freshman year isn't even close to ending." *spread by erin funk and monika sehic*

**2**  
**time coach**  
**of the year**  
Chris Siewert for Girls Track.



"Siewert is a great coach because he is always positive and gets us pumped before our meets"  
**Amber Clock '11**

Date	Place	Team
4/7	1st	Craig Oldham Invite
4/9	2nd	Waukee
4/14	5th	Jim Duncan Invite
4/16	2nd	Urbandale Invite
5/8	3rd	Newton
5/11	1st	CIML
5/15	1st	Districts
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Interlocking arms and holding hands, seniors Kevin Shi, Linda Brown, Bryn Start, sophomore Claire Nagel, and junior Tanner Gardiner amuse themselves while waiting to go on a ride at Disney World. Nagel suggested they form a Human Knot to pass the time.

*photo by amra beganovic*

## Woes of Waiting

Students get creative to pass time

Iowa to Florida can hardly be considered a short drive. For the band students, a spring break trip to Disney World began with a wait and progressed to more waiting. "The bus ride was uncomfortable, being on the bus for 27 hours," senior Azra Beganovic said.

With the bus ride out of the way and the park lying ahead of them, the students were excited to get to the rides. Only performing the morning of their last day in the Florida, the students were free to roam the park the rest of the week and make the most of their trip to Disney World.

However, the students found themselves almost barred by the mass tourism that the park attracts. "Disney is all about waiting," senior Amra Beganovic said. To lessen the pain of a two-hour wait for the ride, Soarin', sophomore Claire Nagel, juniors Tanner Gardiner and Molly Schunicht, and seniors Kevin Shi, Linda Brown, Amra Beganovic, Azra Beganovic, Bryn Start, and Alan Nagel played games to pass the time.

Starting off with Scattergories, the students eventually ended the game over a dispute in point counting. It may have been for the best. "Eventually we used every category we could think of," junior Tanner Gardiner said. "It shows how long the lines were that we ran out of categories to use in Scattergories."

After Scattergories disintegrated, the students needed to find another way to pass the vast amount of

time between themselves and Soarin'. "Someone had the brilliant idea to play the Human Knot," Azra Beganovic said. "It was very entertaining not only to ourselves, but also the people around us."

In a tight space amongst the crowded line, the students found it hard to complete their knot. "The first time we failed, which we didn't think was possible, but it was," Linda Brown said.

Failure didn't stop them and the students gave the Human Knot another shot. "When we tried again, we started small and added people as we went," Tanner Gardiner said. With the smaller knots, students found success. "I don't think we ever finished the knot with all the people," Gardiner said.

While participating in the knot, students didn't notice the time pass. "People were watching us and laughing, so we were able to provide people with modern entertainment," Gardiner said. "It didn't really feel like we were waiting."

Time spent in wait for a ride at Disney World was an unexpected bonding experience. The lines allowed for the students to get to know each other and have fun while doing so. "I hung out with people I typically don't, so it was very amusing," Azra Beganovic said.

*Spread by hannah emmerson and emily welch*

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State Jazz Band Competition



**We Questioned:**  
what is the most  
common stereotype  
you hear about  
band students?

**They Answered:**  
"Most of us are all  
geeks, but we're  
here to have fun.  
It's what we  
like doing."  
Anthony Frei '11

Senior Simas Petrauskas  
waits for his cue to bash the  
cymbals. Petrauskas was a  
foreign exchange student  
from Lithuania participating  
in band during his stay.

photo by alma jovanevic



◀ Preparing for the SCIBA  
concert, seniors Laureca  
Landwehr and Linda Brown  
glance at their music  
before they perform.  
SCIBA is used to promote  
more interesting types of  
band music. It encourages,  
enhances and improves  
band quality in Iowa.

photo by ryan birmingham



◀ Presenting to a clinician  
from the University of  
Northern Iowa, senior John  
Hall executes a spur-of-the-  
moment performance along  
with other selected members  
of the band. The clinician  
came to talk and work with  
students on improving the  
balance within the band.

photo by emily welch



◀ Leaning to see her music,  
freshman Catherine Erb  
practices without shoes  
during the Urbandale  
Colloquium. Johnston  
was the host of the  
Colloquium due to  
Urbandale High School's  
renovations that were in  
progress at the time.

photo by emily welch



◀ During concert band  
practice, junior Joe  
Payne plays a tune on his  
French horn. The band  
department was divided  
into two bands, the  
symphonic and concert  
band. "I think they take  
things more seriously in  
Symphonic band," Payne  
said. "We are more laid  
back."

photo by alma jovanevic



◀ Sophomore Stephanie  
Thimmesch and senior  
Amanda Johns are poised  
to begin their piece.  
"My favorite thing about  
the flute is the music,"  
Thimmesch said. "It's all  
classical so it's different  
than what's played now."

photo by ryan birmingham

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Senior Ashley Williamson drives her ball to the green during a dual meet with Dowling Catholic. "Our team was really close this year, and I've definitely had the most fun this year," said Williamson. "We had a great season and it was a great one to end on after four years on varsity."

*photo by matthew courtney*

#### Freshman Jenna

Francois putts her ball onto the green. The JJV team played on the par three course at Jester Park Golf Course.

*photo by matthew courtney*



#### Looking towards

the hole, junior Emily Kane waits for the golfer in front of her to finish the hole.

*photo by mindy dickerson*



#### Senior Erin

Funk chips her ball onto the green. "I really like our shirts this year not because Ashley and I designed, but because they rock," Funk said.

*photo by matthew courtney*



#### Junior Brennan

Winget putts her ball into the hole while at a practice round.

*photo by kiera morril*



#### Coach Vickie Borich shows

junior Aubrey Conrad how to properly hold her driver. "Golfing changed my life" Conrad said. "I will never be the same."

*photo by kiera morril*



#### Junior Meridith Freese takes

advice from coach Vickie Borich about chipping her ball onto the green. "We always had fun on the golf course," Freese said.

*photo by kiera morril*



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# A Year OF Firsts

## GOLF TEAM BEATS ANKENY FOR THE FIRST TIME

Tears were falling after the finals scores came in. Shock reigned throughout the golf course as Johnston beat Ankeny for the first time. As the Ankeny girls cried, the Johnston girls loaded the bus. "We went into the dual against Ankeny thinking that they were going to cream us, so we decided to just try and have fun while we were there," senior Ashley Williamson said. "It was a new course for us, which makes it even more impressive that we beat them. But really, we just had a fun day which helped us play well."

The two seniors on the team Williamson and Olivia Schiefelbein called coach Vickie Borich, who was kept home due to food poisoning. Schiefelbein asked Borich if she wanted to hear the good news or bad news first. "We told her that Ankeny got a score of 179 and then we said we got a score of 177," junior Emily Kane said. When they told her they had won by two strokes, Borich was overwhelmed. "She just started screaming and probably crying," said Kane.

The defeat played a significant role in the team's morale. Beating Ankeny gave way to many other incredible feats by the girls. Junior Brennan Winget scored the first hole-in-one in the program's history. "It was a blind shot on number two at the par 3 course," said Winget. "I thought I had bladed it and sent it under a tree. When Olivia went over to the hole and said 'Congratulations Brennan, you just got a hole-in-one,' I thought she was joking, but then she pulled the flag out and my ball flew out. I just started screaming."

At conference Schiefelbein placed third and, along with Williamson, was both first team All-Conference. Kane, Winget, junior Meredith Freese, and sophomore Kristen Waite also placed, giving the team second place. "Having all six varsity players place at the CIML meet was amazing!" Williamson said.

A week later in pouring down rain, five girls placed in the 80s for the regional meet. "Before the season even started, Borich said to us that we could have about four people shooting around 85 and I didn't know how that would be possible at first but then when the last meet (regionals) happened and we have five scores in the 80's it was just exciting to see that we all have reached our goals," Kane said.

The biggest highlight to the season for the girls was the victory against Ankeny. "Beating Ankeny is by far the most important moment we had this season," Williamson said. *spread by matthew courtney*

**26**  
**estimated**  
**balls**  
lost on the course



"I lost so many balls  
this year! I slowed down  
whoever I was golfing with.  
The worst was the ponds,  
they hated me."  
**Jordyn Robinson '11**

Date	Score	Team
4/20	9th 380	Valley Invite
4/21	177 179	Ankeny
4/24	1st 353	DM North Invite
4/27	4th 382	Ames Invite
4/28	185 178	Dowling Catholic
5/4	3rd 356	Johnston Invite
5/5	178 195	Urbandale
5/6	3rd 181	Urbandale Invite
5/7	176 189	S.E. Polk
5/11	3rd 191	Urbandale Invite
5/13	177 194	Indianola
5/20	2nd 365	Conference
5/26	3rd 340	Regionals

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Going over their itinerary for the state GSA day, senior Dylan Cue and junior Kylie Kinsey decide the sessions they wish to attend later. The conference was held at the John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center in Des Moines.

photo by matthew courtney

# Famous Names Display Connections

## Nametags show GLBT influence

Meandering into her first hour class, junior Kylie Kinsey displayed a blue name tag on her shirt. "Hello, Tennessee Williams." Kinsey was to display her name tag throughout the school day and when questioned, responded with "Tennessee Williams is one of the most influential American playwrights; he received two Pulitzer Prizes, four Drama Critics' Circle Awards, and a Tony Award for Best Play." Kinsey was also told to tell students that he was gay, and had a partner named Frank Marlo.

The Johnston GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance) President senior Adam Helgeson, and GSA member senior Jenny Ajluni knew that the members of GSA needed to recognize GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender) history month, but didn't know how to execute the task. "With my ties to Iowa Pride Network, I knew that the history month was coming up, but I wasn't sure how the GSA was going to celebrate it," Helgeson said. "We came up with the idea to compress our celebration into one week." Eventually, one week in October was decided upon, and the task of picking who would be represented on name tags worn by GSA members for one week was underway.

When deciding who to pick, different factors were taken into consideration, including the interest other

students would have towards the name and if other students already knew the person was GLBT. The process included using the website [www.glbthistorymonth.com](http://www.glbthistorymonth.com), that provided a historical person for each day of the history month.

The final people that were selected consisted of Tennessee Williams, Georgina Beyer, Sheila Kuehl, Judy Shepard, and Harvey Milk. "I liked the people that were chosen because they accomplished things that many students dream to do some day," Kinsey said. "It was the idea that someone you look up to is gay that made GLBT history week effective."

The history week caused not only other students to take a look at some famous GLBT people, but also GSA members themselves. "I learned that people are often not informed or misinformed about things," senior Eric Everett said. "For example, many people knew Tennessee Williams was a great American playwright, but not many people knew he was gay."

When the week concluded, most thought the event helped to further the GSA's message. "I think it definitely did its part to show that everyone has made an impact on history," Helgeson said. "No matter who they are." *Spread by Erin Funk*

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**We Questioned:**  
How has GSA  
changed the  
environmental  
tolerance at  
Johnston?

## They Answered:

The GSA has always strived to increase awareness and promote tolerance. I have seen the shift in perception I don't hear "That's so gay" in every passing conversation like I used to. I think people realize that homosexuals really aren't any different and that there is nothing to fear -Ethan Nutter '09

President of the Johnston GSA and board member for the Iowa Pride Network, senior Adam Helgeson hands out registration forms and name tags for those participating in the state's GSA day. Iowa Pride Network held the event for high school and college students.

photo by matthew courtney



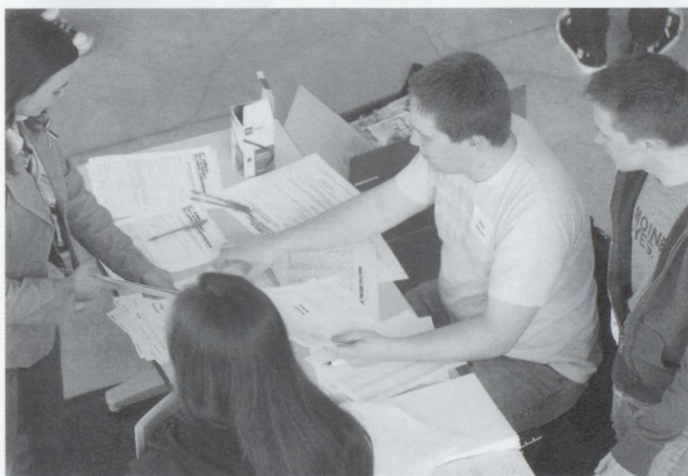
◀ Munching on some of their own products, junior Preet Dugga helps seniors Cody Lenz and Heidi Bibler at the GSA bake sale. Bake sales were a popular fundraiser for organizations, allowing them to make money and get the word out about their purpose.

photo by olivia schiefelbein



◀ Senior Chelsea Nelson prepares for the days events with some complimentary food. Nelson attended the state GSA conference, and learned about subjects like AIDS, discrimination, and same-sex marriage.

photo by erin funk



◀ Senior Sarah Engstrom and junior Kiera Morrill participate in the elections for the upcoming years board at one of the GSA's last meetings. "I was nominated for historian, but Preet and I decided I would be PR (public relations) next year!" Morrill said.

photo by erin funk

◀ Sophomore Claire Nagel smiles at the discussion during a GSA meeting. "Being a part of GSA is important to me," Nagel said. "I believe in promoting all sorts of tolerance, and it's fun to have discussion in an open minded group of people."

photo by panalie wiratsorn



◀ Listening to the discussion, senior Amra Beganovic and Caleb Wagner ponder the topic being discussed. "I had a lot of fun in GSA this year," Wagner said. "Adam did a great job as President, and we really came together to make an impact."

photo by panalie wiratsorn

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Senior Emira Deumic paints a snow plow during homecoming week. Student Council hosted a special sidewalk painting day to kick off the start of the week. NHS was in charge of painting the snow plow which was a contest between all the elementary, middle and high schools.  
photo by Katie Lashier

## Start of a Tradition

### President pushes for more

Crossing the stage, senior Adam Helgeson, the president of National Honor Society (NHS), sports a red cord around the neck of his graduation robe. This was the first year that students in NHS had received tangible recognition for participating. "NHS is involved in so much, but the only distinction during graduation was a star by their name in the program, so it's great for them to be recognized visually at graduation," adviser Sarah Moore said.

Moore said advisers had discussed some kind of recognition for seniors in the past. "When Adam approached me about the cords I thought it was a great idea," Moore said. "It was his little project and he was our go-to guy."

Throughout the year, NHS completed numerous service projects. The work that the seniors did outside of the school had gone under the radar for years because most people were not aware that it happened. However, it was this community work, in addition to academic aptitude, that defined the requirements for the organization. "We take a more behind-the-scenes role

to student Council, but we're ok with that," Moore said. "Student council has shoulder braids on their graduation gowns so we wanted to do something different," Helgeson said. "I was perusing online at a cord Web site and I found some really good options for us that were cheap but of good quality."

The color of the cord was very important in order to correctly represent what NHS stands for. "Red represents caring and service, which is in sync with what we stand for in this organization," Helgeson said.

"I like the idea of the students in NHS receiving a cord," principal Bruce Hukee said. "I didn't have a problem investigating and finding a solution. We had to do the homework and think it through thoroughly, though."

On the eve of graduation, Helgeson's year-long vision of the cords became reality; all 60 members of NHS, with the red cords around their necks, walked across the stage and took the diplomas that were 12 years in the making. "It's the beginning of a tradition that recognizes the excellence that the NHS members exemplify during their service," Helgeson said. *Spread by brittany trow*

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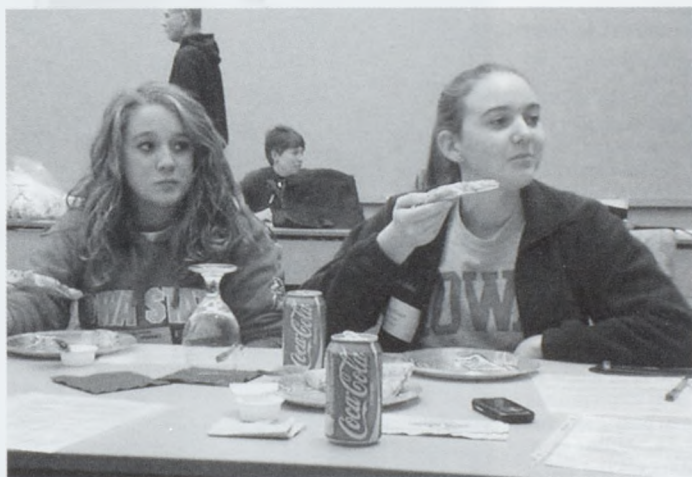


**We Questioned:**  
what do you  
think about  
the color red  
to represent  
NHS?

**They Answered:**  
All the other  
colors were  
taken and red  
represents service  
which is what NHS is  
based on - Colleen  
Shannon '09

Seniors Amber Morales  
and Amy Kruger enjoy a  
pizza dinner provided by  
Dollars for Scholars. The  
two had been hard at work  
trying to convince potential  
donors to give money to  
the organization.

photo by erin funk



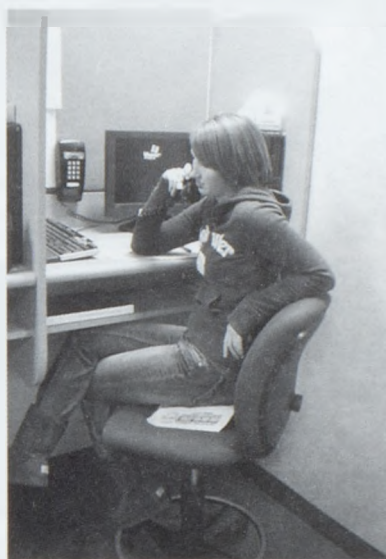
Senior Brittany Deal  
cleans the door of a dirty  
refrigerator at the Catholic  
Worker House. She did this  
after helping the organization  
give out food.

photo by erin funk



Kneeling, senior Kevin Shi  
sorts through name cards.  
Junior Alicia Deal sat with  
Shi to help him organize  
the cards that would be  
used to deliver carnations  
to students. Students  
bought carnation flowers  
to send to fellow peers on  
Valentine's Day.

photo by erin funk



Senior Allyse Strawhacker  
talks on the phone during  
an NHS fund-raising event.  
Students made phone calls  
to community members  
seeking donations for  
scholarship money.

photo by erin funk



Participating in the annual  
Phone-a-thon, senior Nickie  
Meyer talks to a potential  
donator. "We raised around  
\$100,000, the most we've  
ever raised which was weird  
because of the economy,"  
Meyer said.

photo by erin funk



Senior Erin Funk pets a stray  
cat. She discovered the cat  
while doing her service  
project at the Catholic  
Worker House. "There were  
kitties all over the place so  
I was making friends with  
them," Funk said.

photo by olivia schielfelbein

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Senior Jen Pargulski and college sophomore Chase Ingebritson, share a slow song moment during prom. Prom was held at Seven Flags Event Center, and music was provided by DJ CJ from KISS 107.5 FM.

Senior Mirela Sadikovic lets senior Zerina Duric adjust her dress before entering the dance floor at prom. "I went in a huge group of about 20 people. Most of us had dates, but there were four of us who were each others' dates," Sadikovic said.

photo by ksa friesth

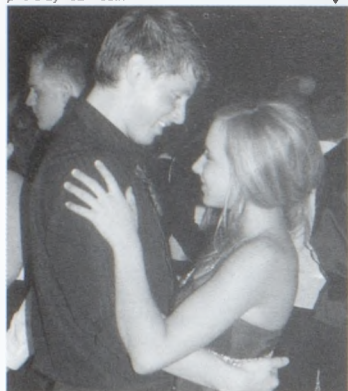


photo by kristine hauser



Sophomore Hank Mandsager adjusts his harness before competing in an inflatable game. "We had to race against the opposite person attached by a bungee cord and put a ball in a hoop on our own sides," Mandsager said. "I went against (freshman) Brian Ross and got killed."

photo by claire nichols



photo by kristine hauser

Senior Krystal Lewis shares a laugh with her date, sophomore Zach Stitz, as they mingle among the crowd on the dance floor. "It was one of the best nights of my life and being there with Krystal made it even better," Stitz said. "We met last summer during the state baseball tourney and have been best friends ever since."

Senior Shaun Miller participates in a race while riding a tricycle around an obstacle of cones. "After prom was pretty fun, but not one senior guy won any of the good prizes," Miller said. The top prizes were a new car, a T.V., and a Wii.



photo by claire nichols

Junior Shay Miller and senior Chris Harney dance near the edge of the crowd at prom. "Prom is just one of those amazing experiences that you can only have for a short while," Miller said. The couple danced the night away alongside friends and fellow classmates.

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## prom

Name:  
Kelsey  
Kruse  
Sophomore



She Says: "Before and after prom was a good time, but prom not so much. Overall staying up until 6:30 a.m. was worth it."

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# A Night **OF** Masquerades

*New Theme Introduces Masks to Outfits*

Adjusting her silver mask, junior Sasha Markland moves through the cloth archway that divides the 7 Flags Event Center where prom was held. The large area of 7 Flags was separated into two sections, one with tables and concessions and the other for dancing. Markland spots her group of friends and walks over to them, moving past several other dancing students to get there. "I loved the theme," said Markland. "I found a mask on one of the tables and I got to put it on and wear it around." The theme of prom was a masquerade, a party where the guests wear costumes and hide their faces, so the prom committee left masks on the tables for students that didn't know the theme or bring their own.

Markland was one of the people who claimed a mask provided by the prom committee. "It made it awesome, and kind of mysterious to have (masks)," Markland said. "I got to ask people if they knew who I was. Most people could tell."

The masquerade theme was decided on when the prom committee wanted something memorable. Like every year, there were unexpected ideas, but unlike other years, the group chose one of those different ideas. "We wanted

to make it different," junior Dylan Perkins said. Perkins was on the prom committee and wanted to do a masquerade since the idea was brought up. "This is the only time we'll get to go to a masquerade, especially for prom," Perkins said. "Not everyone can say that they've done that."

The prom committee's director, teacher Kyla Burns, thought that the theme was a good choice, despite the restrictions that came with the masks.

The masks could only be worn inside the Event Center because the prom committee tried to discourage their peers from wearing the masks outside of prom. "We want to see who you are," Burns said. "It was easy to enforce (the rule), because they simply had to remove the mask when they gave us the ticket."

The rules were followed and the masquerade theme was popular with the students. "I liked it because it was easy to decorate for," Burns said. "I haven't heard of any other school having a masquerade as their theme. I heard many students comment on how much fun they had that evening, the entire night was a success."

**Spread by** *claire nichols* and *kristine hauser*

Junior Meghan Batterson and Urbandale senior J.J. Gardner get their caricature drawn at the beginning of after prom.

This was one of the most frequently visited stations during after prom, and like other activities was free.



*photo by claire nichols*

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Playing Apples to Apples on the gym floor, seniors Lindsay Timmons and Jeremy Mullen look at the many choices of cards. Seniors had their picnic inside due to a rain storm. They had the choice between games in the gym or the Dark Knight, which was playing in the auditorium.

photo by erin funk



Junior Quico Ellsworth mounts his unicycle to get ready to go home. Ellsworth rode his unicycle to Bike-to-School Day, instead of taking the more usual route of two wheeled transportations.

photo by olivia schiefelbein



Pulling away from her parking spot on Bike-to-School Day, senior Annie Gray heads home with senior Amanda Whitney on Gray family's golf cart. "I thought it was pretty dumb that I got a ticket (for driving the golf cart); the school needs to chill on giving people so many tickets," Gray said.



photo by zach jensen

At Senior Challenge, senior Caroline Byrd passes a lifesaver to senior Brianne Westlake. Their staff sponsor Jason Jauron made sure that the lifesaver was on the toothpick. Along with the lifesaver game many other games were played and teams kicked off depending on the points earned throughout the night.

photo by kofi mantew



photo by Dalia Gordnn

Sophomore Greg Schultz laughs after racing sophomore Kyle Skinner. The two of them went four wheeling at sophomore Brett Moffit's house.



Sophomore Andy Jensen puts up caution tape to get ready for Bike-to-School Day. All the hard work of setting up was wasted when rain came, moving the bike storage to inside the big gym.

## FAIRIES

Name:  
Harrison  
Mandsager

Birthday:  
May 14



- Sensible
- Determined
- Clever
- Materialistic
- Not a risk-taker

He Says: "I think it describes me perfectly. I'm a pretty conservative person, but if I set my mind to something, it gets done."

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# Students KEPT Coming In

*The Gym Fills Up with Bikes Even on a Rainy Day*

The sky shows signs that morning is coming. It's 6 a.m. and teachers Chris Beguhn and Tim Brickley are up and waiting to see about rain. Brickley is thinking that 25 students will ride their bikes; Beguhn is a little more optimistic, 50 kids will come. Two hours later, their predictions were proven wrong.

All around the gym is mass chaos. Bikes are leaning up against the bleachers and against other bikes. Half the gym is filled with bikes, and the other half is full of the wet students. "The kids were soaked, but everybody was in good spirits," said Beguhn. "The social time after (the students) arrived was a lot of fun."

Student Council pulled some strings and had Joey's Just an Alias, a band with members from the school, playing when the students came in along with some breakfast items like fruit and bagels from Hy-Vee. As students left to head to class Student Council member sophomore Katie Lashier looked around the gym. "There were bikes everywhere, I probably tripped over them at least five times," said Lashier. "After all the hard work it just felt good to sit down, enjoy the food, and listen to the tasty music of Joey's Just an Alias."

With all the bikes just parked around the gym, Student Council members had

to reorganize so that students could get their bikes out at the end of the day.

"Because we thought we would only have 50, we didn't have a very good system in place," said Beguhn. After reorganizing, the bikes were counted, with 310 after first period. After third period, the final count of Bike-to-School Day revealed that 380 students and faculty rode to school.

At the end of the day, students collected their bikes to head home. Many checked the list by the wrestling room to see if prizes were won. Bike shops around the Metro had donated bike related items to head out. Teachers Kevin Schulte, and Chris Siewert also contributed with socks and track t-shirts. With the bikes reorganized check-out went smoother than check-in, and Bike to School Day had another successful year, even with the rain.

Bike-to-School Day had a goal to reach 800 students and faculty to ride their bikes or other forms of transportation. "The kids set (the goal)," said Beguhn. "It was based on last year with the outcome of 600. We wanted it to be realistic." Even though the goal wasn't reached Beguhn felt that Bike-to-School Day was a success. "If it didn't rain I know we would have reached our goal," said Beguhn.

**Spread by olivia schiefelbein**

Eating some chips, senior Haley Johnson enjoys lunch with fellow senior Maddie Norelius at Jimmy John's on Merle Hay. After Class Day and graduation rehearsal, Johnson and Norelius found a groups of friends to eat with and remember times shared among them.



*photo by olivia schiefelbein*

PHOTO BY katie lashier

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Focusing away from the ball, sophomore Mitch Bruckshaw tries to see where his teammates are so they can regain possession of the ball. The result of the game ended with a close loss versus West Des Moines Valley 0-1.  
photo by jordin robinson

**Junior Jared Nelson** strives to keep the ball in play.  
photo by monika sehic



**Shaking hands** with senior Brett Brones, senior Tyler Smith congratulates him on a good game.  
photo by jordin robinson



**Junior Elvis Dizdarevic** crosses his body to kick the ball diagonally across the field at his teammate.  
photo by julia manning



**Leaping in the air**, freshman Brian Ross fights to take possession of the ball.  
photo by julia manning



**Senior Aaron Schultz** prepares to turn his body to keep the ball in play against Boone in the second substate game. The Dragons won 3-0.  
photo by monika sehic



Attempting to steal the ball, freshman Josh Dickens positions himself in front of his opponent and the ball. "The best thing is probably playing with all the older kids. The hardest thing is trying to keep up with them and play on their level," Dickens said.  
photo by jordin robinson



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# Coaches UP Intensity

TWO NEW COACHES EMPHASIZE PHYSICAL FITNESS

Drained from the first week of soccer practice, junior Justin Handel shuffles slowly through the halls. "I felt worn down in school and in practice because I don't do any winter sports," Handel said.

A larger emphasis was placed on physical fitness in boys' soccer. It was established with two new coaches: Heath Weeks and Dustin Mead. Weeks and Mead previously coached at other schools, but were interested in the job because they had heard about the strong program. Weeks joined as the varsity head coach with Mead as the assistant coach.

During the first week, players worked hard doing scrimmages and other conditioning, while coaches debated who would go on which team. The first day there were speed tests, like a shuttle run and mile run. For a varsity spot, players had to reach a time of six minutes for the mile run. Not only did they have to do the physical testing, but also a written test. "It was a test on tactics," Wenndt said. "It was like a five page test."

The new instructors brought some fresh perspectives and multiple changes, including the team's style of play. "One thing that I asked the players when I met them was what Johnston's style of play was," Mead said. "Many of them could not tell me."

This new style of play focused greatly on pressure and possession. "We play a 3-5-2 (game), three defenders, five mid-fielders, and two forwards," junior Cody Walkup said.

"We play with three (players) in the back (on defense), as opposed to our four-player sweeper system last year," Wenndt said. "There are pros and cons to both. You have less of a safety net with three, but I think that it's giving us more pressure up top and more players on the attack."

At first, the new coaches focused mainly on building up the team's defense. "The first four weeks (in practice) was defense," Walkup said. "I don't think we went into the offensive aspect until the third or fourth game, which was really surprising to me."

More drills dealing with technical training were included in practices. Players practiced handling the ball, shooting, heading, and other skills to improve their style of play.

Along with these drills, players took part in conditioning during practice to improve their physical fitness. The coaches set higher standards for the players. "Practices don't seem as laid back as last year," Handel said. "Things got a little more intense."

Weeks set some new team goals in place as well, including wanting the boys to become 24-hour players. "Coach Weeks (wanted the team) to realize that all their decisions they make through the day can affect the team, so they need to be thinking about that 24 hours a day, not just the two hours that we practice," Mead said. *spread by monika sehic and lisa friesth*

**5**  
games went into  
double overtime  
penalty kick shootout  
throughout the season



I wasn't really suprised when the first game went into a shootout but when all the others went into them I was like 'wow', we should probably score before the game is over.

Austin Kinsey '11

Date	Score	Team
4/4	4 0	Davenport V/JV Invite
4/16	0 4	Ames
4/21	0 1	WDM Valley
4/23	0 1	Ankeny
5/1	0 1	Dowling Catholic
5/4	3 2	DM Lincoln
5/8	4 5	Urbandale
5/11	3 2	Marshalltown
5/15	0 1	Southeast Polk
5/18	10 0	Indianola
5/25	2 1	Substate-Newton
5/29	3 0	Substate-Boone
6/01	0 1	Substate-Ames

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Getting tangled in a bunch sophomore Nicole Pirie tries to fight off her opponent to get the ball. "This season has been unpredictable," Pirie said. "From the highlights of beating Valley and Ankeny to the low lights of all the injured players. I couldn't ask for better teammates and it's been such a fun year. It's definitely been the year of the Dragons."

*photo by chrissy clark*

**Sophomore Michelle**

Hummel goes for a quick steal while playing varsity. Hummel dressed out varsity all season.

*photo by meredith batz*



**During half time coach**

Alicia Rollison takes the team a side for a pep talk

"I think I was trying to explain positioning on the midfield from the looks of the body language, i'm not sure they were listening," Rollison said.

*photo by meredith batz*



**Senior Nikki**

Feaster blocks the ball in mid air while playing against Ankeny. The Dragons won 4-3.

*photo by chrissy clark*



**Junior Jennifer**

Ross races down the field to get a hold of the ball against a Marshalltown opponent. The Dragons won 4-0.

*photo by meredith batz*



Fighting for a position on the ball sophomore Julia North attempts to direct it to her open teammate.

*photo by chrissy clark*



Junior Madison Thompson manages to slide in for a steal against an opponent. This was Thompson's third year on varsity.

*photo by meredith batz*



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# Big Win GIVES First Loss

## GIRLS BECOME FIRST TEAM TO BEAT VALLEY IN FOUR YEARS

Adrenaline pumped through every vein. With only minutes left and a tied score, senior Kate Nielsen headed down the field, knowing this would be her last chance, a moment remembered for the rest of the season. Her leg swung back, the goal in sight. Goal! The Dragons pulled ahead against undefeated WDM Valley.

Before the game coach Mattie Smith took a deep breath, and sent his team out onto the field. He felt they were prepared, and that the girls had a great chance to come out with a win. "The game was really close," Smith said. "We had been working hard all season and I thought we were ready."

The girls started the game quickly with Nielsen scoring the first goal in the first five minutes of the half. Valley responded by scoring two goals before half. After the three goals between both teams, it went on to be a quiet rest of the half.

As the team huddled around during half time they figured out what they needed to do to win. "We talked about how we needed to believe in ourselves and go out in the second half with an attitude that we could win," Nielsen said.

The second half started and the girls were down by one with twenty minutes left in the game to make a move. Once again Nielsen headed down the field. She scored tying the game 2-2. With only six minutes left, and trying to avoid a penalty kick shoot-out Nielsen shot the third and final goal of the game scoring. Ending the game; 3-2.

Even though Valley was an amazing win, Smith thought it was not the best game played. "The game against Ankeny was definitely the best we've played," Smith said. "We played very well that game, worked hard and pulled through."

They continued on losing the next game to Dowling. Nielsen was out since the third game when she fell and tore ligaments in her foot during the game against Dowling Catholic. "Kate is tremendous player," Smith said. "While she was playing at least."

Nielsen was out for most of the season, but she scored all three goals in one of the biggest games of the season. "Winning that game was one of my best sports' moments in high school," Nielsen said. "Being hurt has been a real bummer for me, but the team has done really well and they fight hard no matter what."

Hoping to continue on to state, senior Niki Feaster thinks the team has done well. "I think we've done really well considering all of the injuries," Feaster said. "The last few games we really stepped up our game, and I really hope to keep going onto state."

Date	Score	Team
4/10	4 0	Norwalk
4/16	2 0	DCG
4/20	3 2	Valley
5/1	0 1	Dowling Catholic
5/4	6 0	Lincoln
5/8	0 1	Urbandale
5/9	1 0	Pleasant Valley
5/9	4 0	CB Thomas Jefferson
5/11	4 0	Marshalltown
5/14	3 0	S.E. Polk
5/18	5 0	Indianola
5/21	4 3	Ankeny
5/22	3 1	Sioux City North
5/23	1 0	Waukee
5/23	0 3	CR Kennedy
5/30	1 0	Hoover
5/29	1 0	Ames
6/3	2 0	Indianola
6/8	4 0	CB Thomas Jefferson
6/11	0 1	Iowa City, West

**24**  
roles of  
tape

used by girls soccer players



"Yeah, the girls always steal my tape and promise they'll buy me some. I'm not thinking they will. I've bought probably 24 roles just this season."  
**Niki Feaster '09**

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Sophomore Collin Schares serves the ball while his partner junior Ben Warrick thinks about poaching. The duo became only the third doubles team in school history to qualify for state. At state they were 1-2.  
photo by amanda gabbert

Starting his match against Urbandale junior JV player Tyler Bradley serves the ball.  
photo by faisal alabsi

Junior JV player Kevin Hu hits a forehand.  
photo by amanda gabbert

Watching the ball, senior Bryn Start anticipates where it will fall.  
photo by amanda gabbert

Junior Andy Verhasselt follows through on a backhand.  
photo by amanda gabbert

After running to the other side of the court, senior Simas Petrauskas prepares to backhand the ball. It was Petrauskas' first year on the team, but he had played for five years in his home of Lithuania. "It's a sport I love to do so I (didn't) want to quit," Petrauskas said.  
photo by amanda gabbert



Junior Brad Kruse lines up a forehand against his Indianola opponent. The meet started on May 12, but was postponed during the singles matches because of rain. Kruse and his teammates had to finish the meet the following day. Kruse lost 4-6, 6-7; the team won 9-2.  
photo by amanda gabbert

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# Doubles or Nothing

## TWO SINGLES PLAYERS TEAM UP FOR AN OPPORTUNITY

Striding across the dampened tennis court, sophomore Collin Schares was filled with doubt. In a place where he had previously felt confident and at-home, Schares found himself needing to relearn a new aspect of an old game. Schares was no longer alone on his side of the net; junior Ben Warrick stood diagonal from him. In past seasons, Schares' focus had centered around singles competitions. Now Schares and Warrick would be concentrating on doubles. It was their best chance at qualifying for state.

"When we found out Dowling Catholic would be in our district, we knew we probably wouldn't have a shot at state for singles," coach Leslie Shipp said. Fairly certain that their probability was low, Shipp proposed the idea of pairing their two best players, Schares and Warrick, into one doubles team. But both Schares and Warrick had issues with being a duo. Warrick worried about relying on another person, while Schares was concerned about his limited net experience. While neither were fans of playing doubles, the reality soon set in that they would have to learn to compete as a team.

As they began practicing, both of them started to see what it was like to work with a partner. "Their main problem at the beginning was communication," said Shipp. "They weren't familiar with playing in doubles so they had to learn each others' habits." This issue became critical during a match versus Ankeny.

"Ankeny pretty much destroyed us when we played them," Warrick said. "I noticed that their players were using hand signals, so I thought Collin and I could try it out." Schares and Warrick put their new communication system to the test at a match versus S.E. Polk. A win against S.E. Polk was important because the Rams were another opponent at districts. The hand signals paid off; Schares and Warrick won 6-3, 6-0.

"I definitely think the hand signals helped us win against S.E. Polk because it confused the players and it got in their head," Schares said. After the win against S.E. Polk, Schares and Warrick hit their groove, going on to beat Indianola before districts.

"At districts you could tell they had confidence in what they were doing," Shipp said. The pair did not lose a set as it became only the second doubles team in school history to earn district champion honors. At state, the two were close to making the second day of competition, but lost to Iowa City West 2-6, 6-7. *spread by amanda gabbert and brooklyn drake*

**6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**players**  
**to qualify**  
for the state competition ever



Tim Brickley, boys' tennis coach

"To make state in an individual sport like tennis is not easy. There's 16 singles players and 16 doubles teams going to state, so to have only 48 kids in the entire state make it and to have Collin and Ben be a part of that, is a great accomplishment."

Date	Score	Team
04/09	0 11	Ames
04/11	2nd	Johnston Invite
04/14	10 1	Mason City
04/23	4 7	Ottumwa
04/28	1 10	Ankeny
04/29	11 0	East
04/30	2 9	Dowling Catholic
05/02	2nd	Marshalltown Invite
05/05	4 7	Urbandale
05/07	9 2	S.E. Polk
05/09	6th	Ankeny Invite
05/13	9 2	Indianola
05/14	2nd	Districts
05/16	5 1	S.E. Polk Preliminary Substate
05/23	0 5	Ankeny Substate

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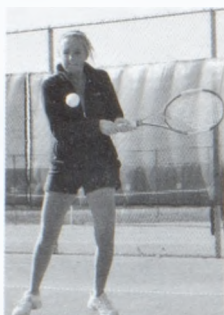
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Senior Jenny Ajluni serves the ball during her second round singles match at districts. Ajluni lost 1-6 4-6 to Kim Lane of Valley. The second set was highlighted by long rallies.  
photo by zach jensen

Showing off her back hand junior Megan Roth plays a singles match against Ottumwa.  
photo by elizabeth schiefelbein



Junior Alicia Deal plays JV doubles against East. The varsity beat East 11-0.  
photo by elizabeth schiefelbein



Sophomore Ananya Kumar serves the ball during a doubles district match.  
photo by zach jensen



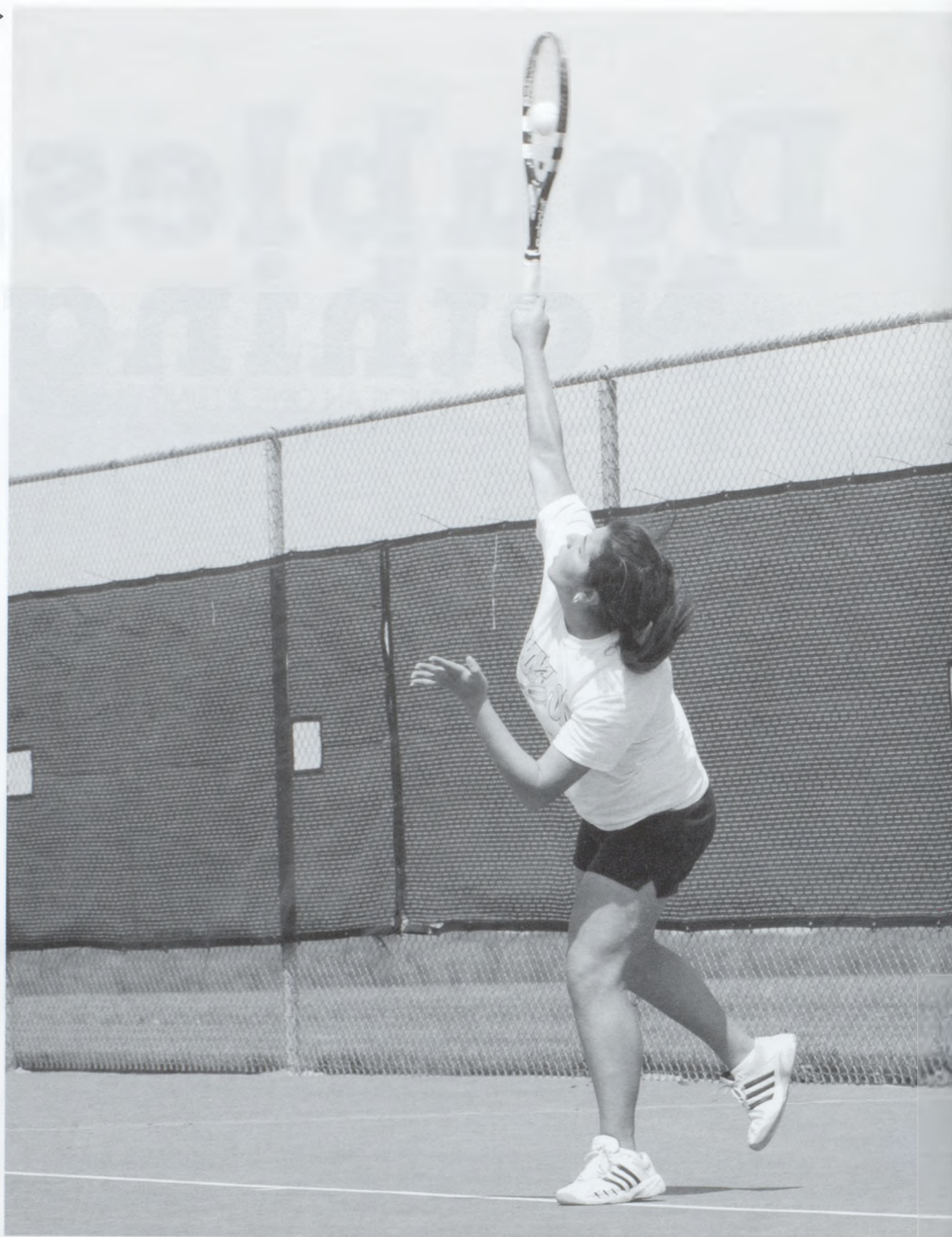
Junior Megan Akerman goes for an overhead in a doubles match.  
photo by elizabeth schiefelbein



As the ball bounces out of bounds, senior Lauren Rogers calls it out during her meet against Ottumwa. "When a ball bounces out of bounds you hold up your index finger to let your opponent and whoever's watching know it was your point," Rogers said. "It's a signal for out."  
photo by elizabeth schiefelbein



Returning the ball during a singles match sophomore Haley Beaver plays at home against Ottumwa. Varsity wore pink Under Armor jerseys. "We were wearing the pink shirts because we are sassy," Beaver said.  
photo by elizabeth schiefelbein



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# Growth THROUGH the Years

## AJLUNI PERSISTENTLY PRACTICES FOR PERFECTION

Ajluni attended an Arabic Language Immersion program during the summer of her junior year. Wanting to keep practicing tennis she had found a French counselor at the program who had played tennis in college. "It was against camp rules to speak in English during the program so I had to have one of the counselors translate the score during our practice matches," Ajluni said. "It must have been hilarious for anyone watching."

Ajluni dedicated a lot of time practicing for tennis, not only during the tennis season but constantly throughout her high school career. "I am horribly competitive at everything I do," Ajluni said. "I started playing tennis when I was nine, and have, for the most part, been playing ever since." Ajluni has the help of her family to keep her motivated. "I was fortunate in that my whole family plays and there are four people total, perfect for doubles," Ajluni said.

"(Ajluni) is a great ambassador for the sport and is really passionate about the game," girls' tennis coach Ben Knight said. During the tennis season Ajluni played both singles and doubles and usually paired up with sophomore Paige Collison or junior Megan Roth when playing doubles.

"It was a lot of fun (playing with Ajluni) because we could joke around with each other but we also knew to be serious so we could win points," Collison said. "She's a great player so it was fun playing with her."

The Dragons advanced to the second round for team regionals. "Every team gets into regionals," Knight said. "First we played Des Moines East and won 5-0. After that, we played Ames and lost 0-5. It's pretty typical to win one and lose one."

In individual regionals, Collison received third, meaning she was an alternate for state. "The competition was tough and I was really happy at how well I did because it was probably the hardest I've ever played," Collison said. "I like playing singles better because I like the feeling of knowing that I'm the one who is beating my opponent."

Wrapping up the season is always tough but it didn't signal the end of Ajluni's tennis career. After high school tennis Ajluni wanted to pursue the game. "I'll play intramural tennis in college, plus some coaching," Ajluni said. "Over the summers I have been able to coach younger kids through the Johnston district. This is something I enjoy and probably makes me the most proud." *Spread by brianna ryan and elizabeth schiefelbein*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> at Regionals for girls tennis



"I played really hard all day and even though I lost to Valley, I'm really glad I still placed. I'm happy my hard work paid off."

Paige Collison '11

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4/9	3 8	Ames
4/11	2nd	Johnston Invite
4/14	9 2	Mason City
4/21	11 0	East
4/23	6 3	
4/24	2nd	Knoxville Invite
4/28	10 1	Ankeny
4/30	2 9	Dowling
5/5	1 10	Urbandale
5/7	6 5	S.E. Polk
5/9	2nd	Marshalltown Invite
5/12	5 6	Indianola
5/16	5 0	Regionals East
5/23	0 5	Regionals Ames

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Titania (senior Chelsea Nelson) and Bottom (sophomore Trevor Fisch), lie on the ground asleep as Oberon (junior Alex Grapp), makes fun of the spell he casted on Titania in "A Midsummer Night's Dream." "The bat wings are very interesting," Grapp said. "I thought they were going to be fairy wings, but then I got those."

photo by jordan sandquist



## Extra Fans Extra Credit

### More Students Attend Breaking Records

As junior Preet Dhugga walks into the auditorium, she searches for Paul Miller, drama advisor. Dhugga finds him swarmed with other students, all asking for one thing: his autograph. By obtaining this autograph on the back of their programs, these students would receive extra credit. "I finally spotted him sitting at a table with a long line of kids waiting to have their programs signed," Dhugga said. "So naturally, my friend and I cut everyone."

Senior Alma Jovancevic came up with the idea. "I talked to Mr. (Bruce) Hukee and asked if he could send out an e-mail to all the teachers promoting the school play," Jovancevic said. "We told all the teachers that we were experiencing under-attendance at the plays, and we could use their help. I gave them the idea that they could get extra credit by attending the play."

Along with many other teachers, science teacher, Chris Beguhn agreed to this plan. "Alma asked me early on if I would give out extra credit; I was proud of her for promoting it," Beguhn said. "I urged her to talk to Hukee and other teachers. We need to do these types of things to get more people at the plays." Beguhn gave out five extra credit points for anyone

who attended the play. About twenty students in her general chemistry class earned additional credit.

This plan brought attendance to an all-time high. For the first night "A Midsummer's Dream" earned more than \$250, more than what all three nights of the play had made in the past. On the second night, the play earned over \$300. "So not only did more people coming bring attention to the program, but it brought in more money than ever," Jovancevic said, "meaning that next year the play can be bigger, with more costumes."

Dhugga supported this technique. "It definitely got more people to attend; it was kind of like an underhanded way of getting recognition to the drama department," Dhugga said. "It earned them a lot of money; we basically paid for our extra credit. It was worth it though, I liked the play more and more as it went on."

Miller agreed that it was a great success. "I think the play went very, very well, probably the best job we've done since I've been here," Miller said. "The cast really worked well together, spent a lot of time practicing, and they all contributed their own ideas. From what I've heard, the fans enjoyed it, and hopefully they'll come back and see some more." *spread by katie lashier and jordan sandquist*

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**We Questioned:**  
what was your  
favorite part about  
the spring play?

**They Answered:**

"My favorite part  
of the play was  
with the little kids  
(fairies) when they  
were quiet and  
paid attention to  
us. They bought or  
made their own  
costumes."

- Dellanie Couture

Lying on the wood floor of  
the stage, junior Shay Miller,  
senior Cody Lenz, and  
sophomore Ashley Ribordy  
play around after helping  
to prepare the set for "A  
Midsummer Night's Dream."  
"That day we got things set  
up," Lenz said. "It was one  
of many tech set-up days.  
I worked on costumes and  
others worked on the tree  
backdrop. We didn't have that  
many seniors and it made us  
a lot closer."

photo by alma jovancevic



◀ Holding a paint brush, senior  
Chelsea Nelson creates the  
tree backdrop for the set  
in "A Midsummer Night's  
Dream." "The day we did the  
backdrop, we were painting  
woods," Nelson said. "It was  
different because we painted  
curtains. It helps represent  
the scene that we did."  
photo by alma jovancevic



◀ Senior Ryan Birmingham  
pins a bow on freshman  
Alex Cordes during a dress  
rehearsal for the play "Life  
is Short." Cordes played  
the bride and Birmingham  
was her mother. "The play  
called for a giant bow on her  
butt," Birmingham said. "I  
bought a lot of the props at  
Hobby Lobby for the 'Double  
Wedding' act. My employee  
discount came in handy."

photo by jordan sandquist



◀ Seniors Heidi Bibler and  
Lauren Rogers rehearse for  
the fall play, "Life is Short."  
Their section of the play was  
titled Whatever. "[The play  
was] pretty good overall,  
but that set of plays was all  
different one acts," Bibler  
said. "The cast members  
went to their own rehearsals,  
whereas with "A Midsummer  
Night's Dream" everyone  
went to all the rehearsals so it  
was more of a family."

photo by faisal alabsi

Theseus (junior Skyler  
Waddell) reads a script  
given to him by Philostrate  
(junior Katie Upton), in the  
spring play, "A Midsummer  
Night's Dream." "The scroll  
was actually a real scroll  
that had Croatian writing  
on it," Waddell said. "It was  
supposedly a list of possible  
plays that [Theseus] could  
see. It was his wedding and  
he wanted entertainment."

photo by jordan sandquist



◀ Acting like a kindergartner  
senior Clara Humke sits in  
a desk during the fall play  
"Life is Short." "I was in a  
classroom and it was the first  
day of school," Humke said. "I  
wanted to be a lawyer and I  
knew what I wanted to do."

photo by jordan sandquist

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Placing the Knowledge Bowl bowl on the gym floor, senior

Dylan Cue gives his senior memento during Class Day. The items placed by various organizations had significance to each of the activities.

Senior Michelle Ness shakes Principal Bruce Hukee's hand as she walks off the stage with her diploma. Around 400 student graduated on May 31.

photo by faisal alabsi



photo by kofi manteaw



Senior Adam Helgeson gives a speech at the Drake Knapp Center. Helgeson was excited to see how his speech turned out and how people received his challenge to rise above the norm. "Use the time that you have in high school to accomplish things that means something to you,"

Helgeson said.

photo by kofi manteaw



photo by kofi manteaw

Seniors Simas Petrauskas and Heidi Bibler pause for a picture after the graduation ceremony.

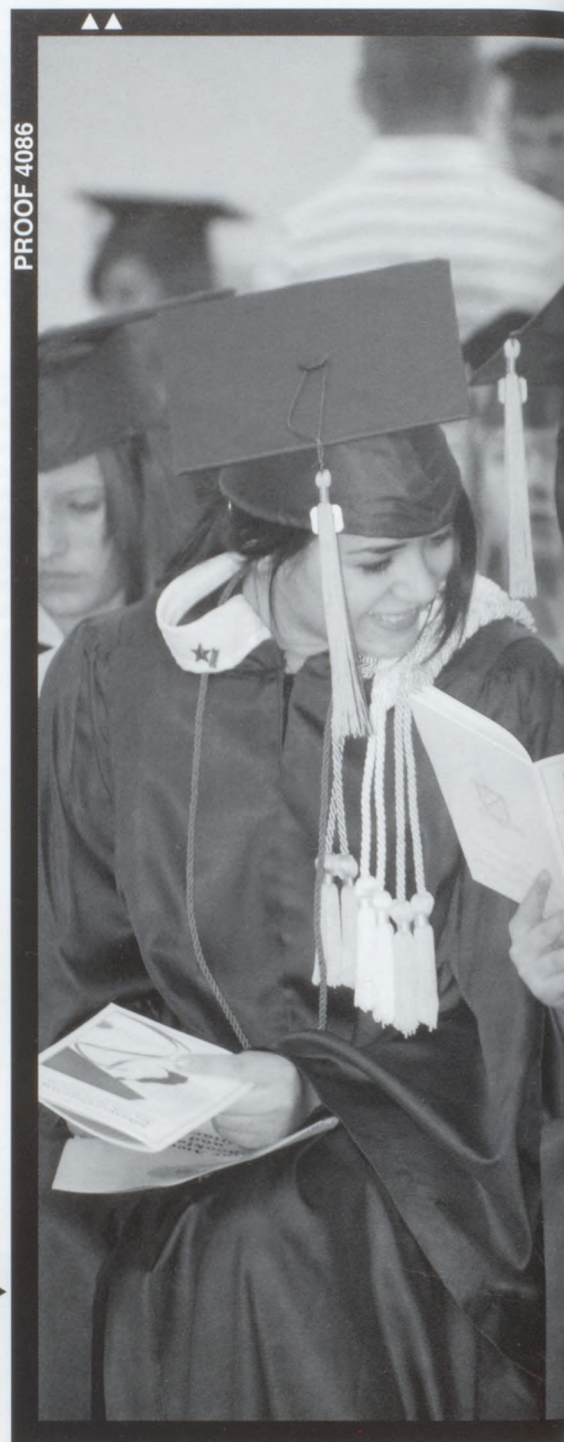
Petrauskas was a foreign exchange student from Lithuania.

For him the best part of graduation was walking across the stage during the ceremony. "It was a big deal because it was so official," he said.

Fixing senior Quynh Tran's gown counselor Stephanie Guthrie helps to make sure things run smoothly. Caps, gowns, cords, and tassels flew as student hurried to make last minute adjustments before being escorted out to the gym.



photo by kofi manteaw



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## Graduation

Name:  
Sarah  
Engstrom



She Says: "It seems like I'm saying good-bye. I will miss all of my friends, even the under clasmmen, but thank goodness for Facebook."

Seniors Amra and Azra Begonavic look over the Class Day program. The purpose of Class Day was to honor all the seniors and give them awards and scholarships.

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# Late Arrival

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# Confusion

*Seniors Arrive Late Commencement Ceremony*

First day of pre-school; everyone's hugging their parents goodbye. Sixth grade; everyone's graduated to middle school and toying with puberty. Sophomore year; everyone's afraid and excited about the high school experience that's to come. Senior year; everyone's ready to move on with their lives and just like that the past 13 years flew right by their eyes. Graduation comes and everyone is emotional; well at least the ones that were present on time. Soon-to-be graduates such as Chloe Coulter, Cristie Sitzer, Jordan Osborn, and Mindy Dickerson were as late as 50 minutes to the day they've been waiting for so many years.

Sitzer and Osborn headed for graduation without knowing how to get to the Drake University location. "(Osborn) decided to mapquest it on his cellphone," Sitzer said. "And it kept taking us to the wrong place." When they arrived at the destination, they had some trouble entering the ceremony. "We had to walk all the way around because the entrance was locked," Sitzer said.

Coulter and her friend Sierra Rons had similar, but different, problems getting to the ceremony. The two of them decided to go to graduation

together and planned everything out. But of course, things did not go their way. In their journey to the ceremony, a collar and bobby pins were forgotten, they ran out of gas, and a credit card didn't work. "We had to walk through the Knapp Center for all the parents to see that Chloe Coulter and Sierra Rons were late," Coulter said.

Saylorville Lake and her family caused Dickerson to arrive two minutes before the ceremony began. Her two brothers went cruising on their boat before heading to Drake. When they finally came back 50 minutes late, they headed to the ceremony as fast as they can. "We got there with two minutes before the ceremony and we couldn't get in," Dickerson said. "If it wasn't for this big guy with VIP access, we would not have gotten in."

Although it was a close call for all of these students, they were able to accompany their peers to one of the most memorable moments of their lives. The heart-warming speeches, the tears flowing down peoples' faces, and the throwing of the caps all brought to many, the end of one journey and the beginning of another.

**Spread by Faisal Alabsi  
and Kofi Manteaw**

Junior Michael Carlson, senior Anna Kurns, and sophomore Ryan Smaha sing their final choir song at the Drake Knapp Center. During the song "My Friends We Now Must Leave You," Kurns got teary eyed, but managed to finish the song and receive her diploma.



photo by Kofi Manteaw

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# CONFESSIONS



▲ Jake Heil '09



▲ Paige Collison '11



▲ Marcus Dolan '11



▲ Dan Berry '10  
& Miles Summa '09

▲ Clapping for the boys' basketball team junior Erica White cheers during the sub-state game. Fans traveled to Valley, the neutral location, to cheer on the boys' journey.

Photo by olivia schiefelbein

January

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March

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June



Sophomore Harrison Mandsager drinks his soda at a party, while relaxing in a lawn chair. The party was thrown during summer so everyone could reunite before the school year began.

Photo by faisal alabsi



With a school the size of 1300.

There is a lot of us.

We wanted to learn about the peo-

We wanted to learn about the people in the halls.

Students were chosen randomly.

Using class lists, and random number generator.

We asked and you answered.

We found your hopes.

We found your dreams.

Even how you write.

These are your confessions.

Multi-tasking senior Chelsea Nelson works on homework and talks on the phone. During down time at fencing practice Nelson decided she would get a head start on her work load.

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Jennifer Ajluni



Stephen Albers



Christina Aldrich



Courtney Aldridge



Jared Alfred



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Trent Allen



Sabrina Allison



Justin Amick



Adam Badgley



Jacob Baumgartner



Nedzad Begannvic



Leah Belknap



Kendra Belz



Kavin Benzinger



Jordan Berger



Heidi Bibler



Ryan Birmingham



Abigail Bisenius



Chelsea Bisenius



Cara Blackford

Elizabeth Pilkington

Age: 18

Student until the rest of my life

Love or money How about a totally righteous hairdo?

Drink of choice Water-its the essence of wetness, and wetness is the essence of beauty...

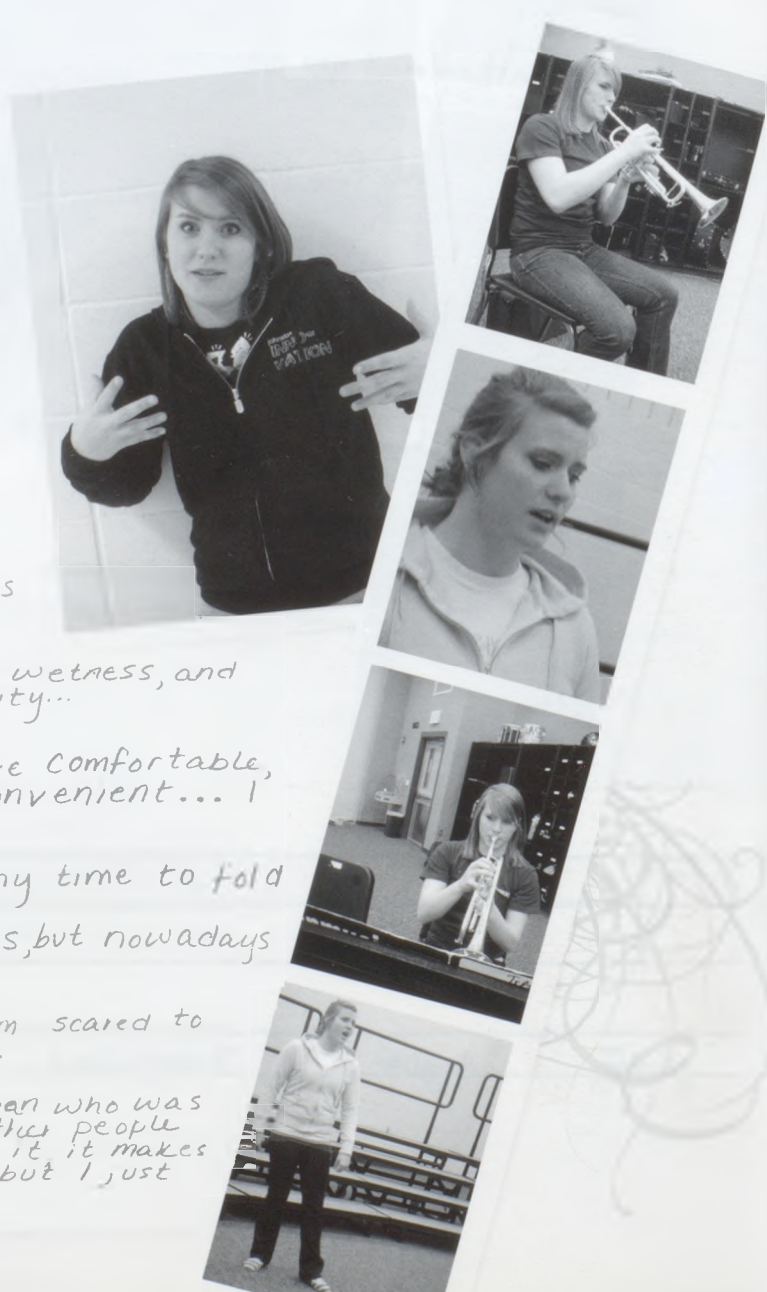
Hoodie or zip up Hoodies are much more comfortable, but zip-ups are so darn convenient... I simply cannot choose.

Crumple or fold toilet paper Who has any time to fold

One thing I always have My identity I guess, but nowadays even that can be stolen.

My life is... about to begin... and I am scared to death... but dont tell anyone.

Wildest dreams It was about a fat woman who was sort of hurting me with some other people I didnt know... thinking back on it it makes me not want to dream anymore, but I just cant help it.







My name is... *Derek Foster*

Student until *Spring 2009, Finally*

Childhood ambition *I wanted to help people and be the one everyone went to when they were in trouble, I wanted to be a fireman.*

Soundtrack *Linkin Park is my favorite band and Hybrid Theory is their best album, everybody owns a little rock and roll.*

Shoes *"And when I knock someone out, I'm gonna knock 'em out in black nikes and I'm gonna smile while I do it." Boobie Nikes from Under Night In Birth*

Fear *I am a afraid of spiders they are all hairy and have big fangs!*

Gum *Stride Sweet Reminiscent, I have to buy it in the store because I am always out of gum.*

My life is *Busy with work & sports but excited to move on to college in the fall.*



Derek Foster

Age: 18

spread by panalie wiratsorn



Alison Blakely



Sarah Blank



Brandon Blaylock



Kelsey Bowen



Christopher Bracelin



Benjamin Brandsgard



Maxwell Bratrud



Matthew Brault



Brett Bones



Shelby Brose



Ashley Brown



Linda Brown



Zachary Bruce



Zachery Buckley



Sarah Buller



Mathew Bunting



Jordan Bussanmas



Caroline Byrd



Tiffany Camp



Austin Carlisle



Spencer Cartwright





Kelsey Cashman



Cody Catron



Bryan Chance



Shaohai Chen



Taylor Chesnut



Alyssa Christensen



Kathleen Christiansen



Hailey Christianson



Hope Christopher



Jacob Clabaugh



Felicia Coleman



Jared Colvin



Daniel Conn



Hunter Connolly



Kyle Connor



Alyssa Cook



Ryan Coomes



Makayla Coulson



Chloe Coulter



Matthew Courtney

JT Minor

Age: 17

My name is... JT Minor  
Student until... May 2009

Love or money? I'm going to be a gold digger so both?

Wildest dream? To one day live as one with Squirrels

Toothpaste? I'm a Crest kind of guy

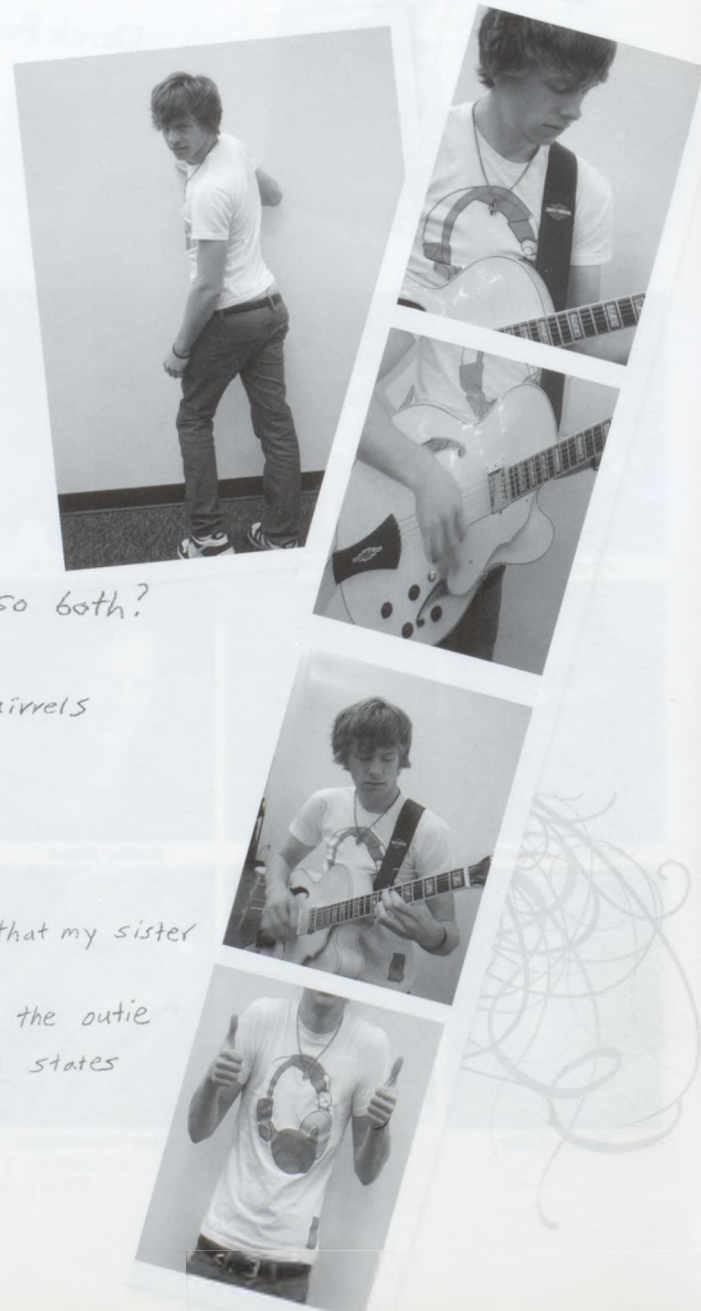
I relieve stress by... Playing guitar

Pet? Princeton my dog, and Robby my bunny that my sister killed

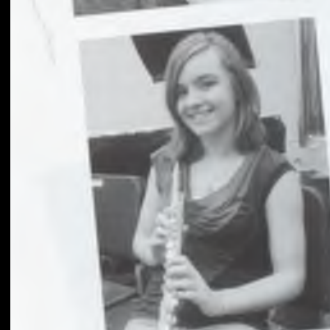
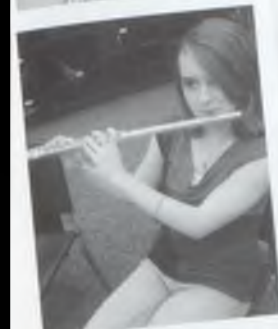
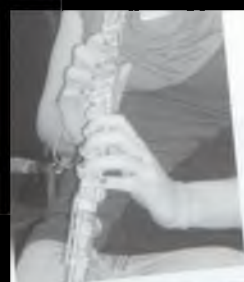
Inie or outie? Inie but I got mad props for the outie

Future occupation? President of the United States

My life is... Underpants







My name is... Amanda Johns

Student until... May 2009

Indulgence? CHOCOLATE

Perfect night out? Just hanging out with my friends doing random fun things.

Future occupation? playing in symphonies that perform the background music in movies.

Can't live without? Chocolate and music.

I like my steak... Medium-rare

Favorite scent? the smell of fresh rain ☺

My life is... generally pretty easy-going and full of fun random things like dancing down the school hallway with my friend. ☺

Age: 17

Amanda Johns



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Allison Coy



Alexandria Crahan



Natalie Cresta



Dylan Cue



Cody Dacken



Derick Danielson



Brittany Deal



Alexa Despenas



Emira Deumic



Charles Dick



Mindy Dickerson



Andrea Dingman



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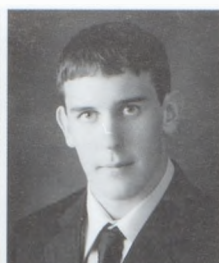
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Stephanie Ferguson



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Jake Forrester



Derek Foster



Adam Frakes



Jared Frank



Lindsay Fredrickson



Michael Friesth



Erin Funk



Natasha Furnish



Amanda Gabbert

Matt Kretzinger

Age: 18

My name is... Matt Kretzinger

Student until... 2009

Most unusual gift... A smoke alarm

Inspiration... Marc Robarge, because I love his music and what he stands for.

Perfect night out... Dinner and a movie with my girl friend

Last purchase... #6 at B.K.

Favorite soundtrack... Live from Madison Square Garden O.A.R.

I relieve stress by... Longboarding, watching football, and music.

My life is... very nice! my life is fun







My name is...

Brooke Rochelle Egly

Student until...

2009!

First job...

Walgreens. It sucked. They're sneaky & evil, & the customers were RUDE. EXCEPT Shirley Dick. She was cool!

Indulgence...

Anything chocolate, or Italian food

Favorite movie...

A tie between Dazed & Confused, & Breakfast at Tiffany's

Political stance...

Democrat: go Obama!

Childhood ambition...

I wanted to work in a barbie factory & make them is

Proudest moment...

I once saved a baby seal... just kidding. I don't know of anything I'm proud of.

My life is...

being a dork, but the people in my life (friends & family) make it worth living & fun. My life is also full of mistakes, but I wouldn't change a thing because every "mistake" has led me to where I am today! the amazing people I have in my life!



Brooke Egly

Age: 17

Spread by brooklyn drake



Christopher Gail



Ta-Aqua Galler



Alexandra Garland



Christopher Gearhart



Kaeleigh Gebard



Jessica Gedden



Austin Gehm



Elizabeth Gesiriech



Cole Glenn



Matt Goodhue



Joseph Gowdy



Annie Gray



Mykal Greene



Aric Greenfield



Alexa Guessford



Christian Haas



Taylor Hageman



Caitlin Haler



John Hall



Joshua Hansen





Christopher Harney



Whitney Harney



Cameron Hart



Duane Hatfield



Morgan Haugland



Jacob Heil



Adam Helgeson



Neal Herink



Thomas Hinchliff



Benjamin Hjelmaas



Justin Hoellein



Molly Hoffmann



Ashley Hoogenakker



Brittany Huettman



Clara Humke



Stephanie Hunting



Stephanie Ivankovich



Hannah Janes



Nicole Jaschen



Senuri Jayatilaka

Brianne Westlake

Age: 18

My name is... *Brianne Westlake*

Student until... *2009 (senior)*

Drink of choice... *iced green tea*

Drama, Comedy, or horror... *comedy*

Quote... *"If people can change, then the world can change"*

Political Stance... *open-minded*

One word to describe myself... *unpredictable*

Proudest moment... *being accepted into the college of my choice*

My life is... *going as planned so far and I can't wait to see what happens next*







My name is... Cameron Hart

Student until... 2009

Drink of Choice... 2% AE strawberry milk

Future occupation... photographer among other things

Ringtone... vibrate

Gum... too messy

Perfect day... a nice warm relaxing day with Felicia, day to work on whatever I want

My life is... good

Cameron Hart

Age: 17



Spread by jordan sandquist



Austin Jensen



Zachary Jensen



Alex Johanik



Amanda Johns



Bryce Johnson



Haley Johnson



Kelsea Johnson



Nathaniel Johnson



Taylor Johnson



Thomas Jones



Alma Jovancevic



Samantha Jungman



Allison Kane



Laura Keller



Justin Kightlinger



Kayla Kightlinger



Holly Kimball



Leah King



Madison Kintz



Molli Kipp





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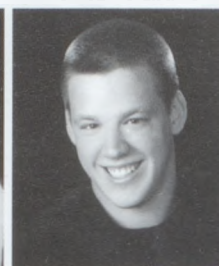
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Tyler Kubik



Laureca Landwehr



Spencer Lang



Gregory Larpernter



Devyn Lenaghan



Cody Lenz



Krystal Lewis



Tini Li



Brittany Long



Amy Lovejoy



## Haley Johnson

Age: 17

My name is... Haley Johnson

Student until... 2009

Quote... "love all. Trust few. Do wrong to no one." - Shakespeare

Shoes... are one of my weaknesses

Drink of choice... it's a tug up between Coca-Cola & Arizona tea

Ringtone... "angel" by Jack Johnson

I eat... at Panera whenever I have a dinner break at work

Favorite scent... clean laundry

One thing I always have .. wanted to learn to do is surf

My life... totally rad







My name is... Adam "Frosted" Frakes  
 Student until... ~~College~~ is I have a collage degree in my hand  
 Recent impulse buy... a 12 pack of Green Tea  
 Drink of choice... juicy juice  
 Perfect day... is spent snowboarding  
 Inie or outie... a bothie - inie & outie  
 Future occupation... underwear model  
 Favorite scent... cucumber melon  
 One thing I always have... is my eyedrops  
 My life ~~is~~ be like ohh Ahh



Adam Frakes

Age: 17

Spread by katie lashier



Meredith Luksetich



Joseph Lyons



Kelly Mackey



Lauren Mackey



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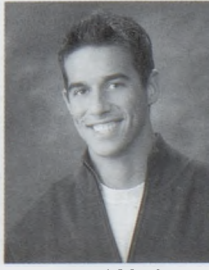
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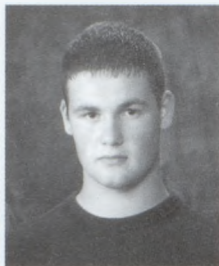
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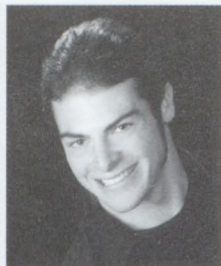
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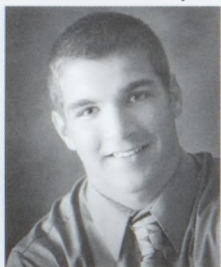
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Abigale Nelson



Chelsea Nelson



Jonathan Nelson



Michelle Ness



Kate Nielsen



Frank Niu

Ryan Jones

Age: 18

My name is...

*Ryan Jones*

I am a student until...

*2009*

My hobby is...

*Ultimate Frisbee*

One thing I always have...

*Metapal Pokemon card*

One word to describe myself...

*sublime*

My favorite scent is...

*the lake in the morning*

My life is...

*awesome*







My name is... Maria Taylor

I am a student until... 2009

My hidden talent is... knitting

One thing I always have is... cell phone

My drink of choice is... lemon-lime gatorade

My favorite utensil is... whisk

My favorite quote is... Shoot for the moon,

S

My life is... like ohh ahh

Maria Taylor

Age: 17



Spread by shay lenaghan



Maddie Norelius



Ethan Nutter



Dain Opland



Jordan Osborne



Kaysha Otto



Nicholas Overton



Meredith Pace



Jennifer Pargulski



Samuel Parker



Amanda Paszkiewicz



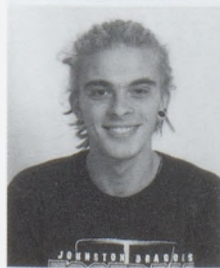
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Shawna Polen



Justin Polson



Emily Prendergast



Taylor Probst





John Puffett



Kari Queck



Allison Randolph



Daniel Rasmussen



Rachel Rhodes



Jessica Rice



Kandace Robar



Lauren Rogers



Sierra Rons



Shelby Ryan



Mirela Sadikovic



Colton Schaben



Olivia Schiefelbein



Kaitlyn Schmitt



Keaton Schuck



Aaron Schultz



Emily Schwartz



Rebecca Scott



Andrew Selberg



Michael Semple

Amber Morales

Age: 17

Last purchase

Hy-Vee Chinese

Hoodie or zip-up

Both, you always need options.

Bedtime...

is the best part of the day.

I like steak

Cooked until there is absolutely no pink!

Alarm clocks

make the most annoying sounds.

Favorite scent

Yellow cake

One thing I always have

Vanilla mint Chapstick

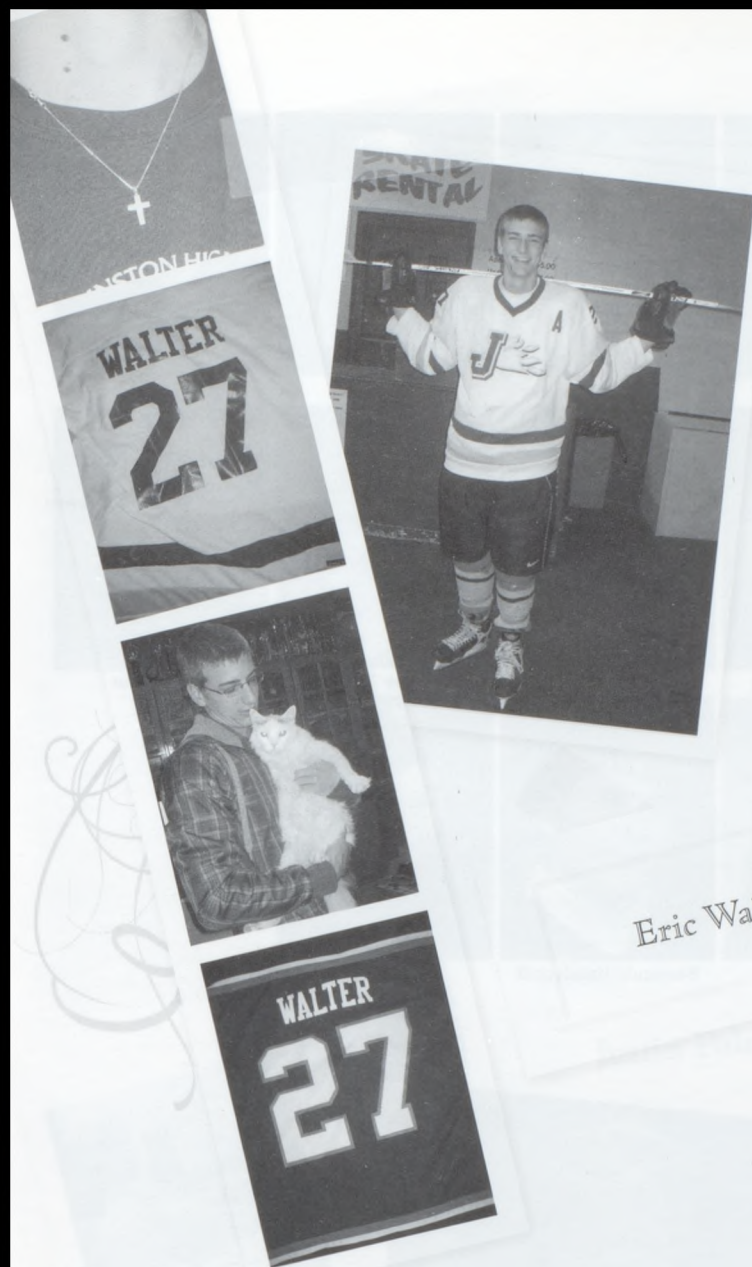
My life is...

Never boring.



Matt Goodhue





My name is... *eric d walter*

Student until *2009*

What bothers you *people who chew with their mouths open*

Hidden Talent *shooting deer... on the computer*

Body art *I would get disowned from my family*

Pet *I have a cat, but I want a horse or two some day*

Future occupation *I still have no idea, maybe a professional bull fighter*

Alarm clock *My snooze button is worn out*

I relieve stress by *creating*

My life is... *not dope*

Eric Walter

Age: 18



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Colleen Shannon



Kacei Sheridan



Kevin Shi



Christie Sitzler



Ryan Skinner



Michael Slavin



Erin Smalley



Kelsey Smith



Nicholas Smith



Staci Smith



Tyler Smith



Brandon Soda



Abby Sonner



Christopher Soroka



Brandon Stanley



Bryn Start



Marc Stodola



Scot Stodola



Allyse Strawhacker



Erica Stromgren





Kevin Sullivan



Nicole Sullivan



Miles Summa



Zach Swallow



Samantha Sweeney



Sara Swigart



Maria Taylor



Matthew Temple



Anthony Terronez



Brittney Thompson



Lindsay Timmons



Ryan Torgerson



Lesley Tosch



Gabe Tovar



Stephanie Trail



Alec Trainer



Matthew Trillet



Leyla Uzbekova



Benjamin Vandygriff



Taylor Vines

Alyssa Cook

Age: 17

My name is... *ALYSSA COOK*

Student until *2009*

Love or money *LOVE*

Quote *God will never give you more than you can handle.*

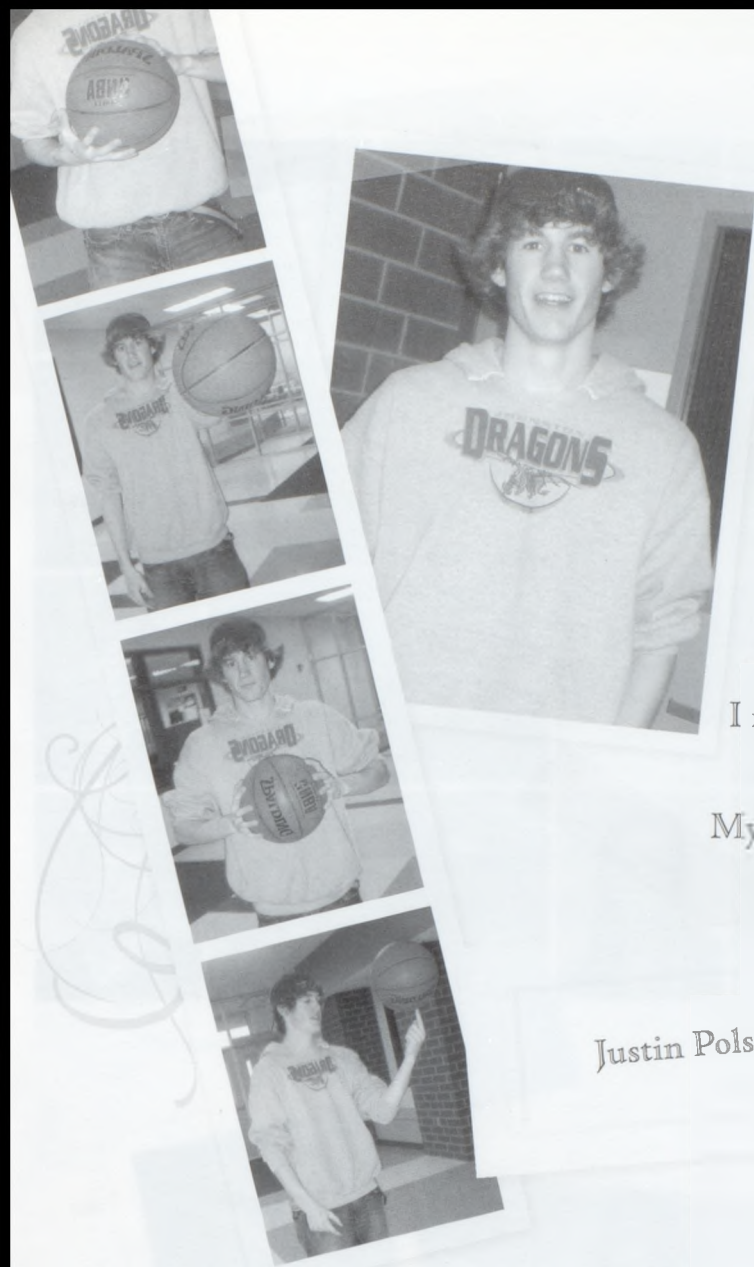
I eat *coldstone* ice cream like there's no tomorrow.

First Job *@ Okoboji Grill in Johnston*

My life is...  *laid back, enjoying every moment.*







My name is... Justin Polson

Student until 2009

Drama, comedy, or horror Horror

Favorite movie Wanted or Never Back Down

Future occupation veterinarian

Drink of choice Mountain Dew

I relieve stress by lifting weights or Playing Basketball

My life is... Basically Ballin'

Justin Polson

Age: 17



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Tyler Wacha



Amanda Walker-King



Eric Walter



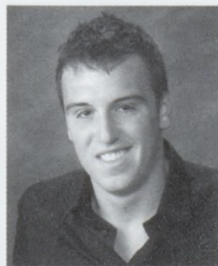
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Benjamin Wilkens



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Ashley Williamson



Alexa Wilmore



Drew Wilson



Keith Wiskirchen



Jessica Worley



Taryn Young



Jacob Zenor



Katie Zimmer



# Juniors

Majda Abdic  
Megan Ackerman  
Garrett Acuña  
Ashley Adams  
Lindsay Adams  
Anastasia Addington  
Emily Ahmed  
Haden Allison  
Josh Amick  
Alex Anderson  
Chelsa Anderson  
Julia Anderson  
Christina Andeweg  
Gabbi Angeloni  
Casey Aschan-Cox  
Ethan Augustine  
Luke Ausenhuis  
J'Lisa Avery  
Nicole Baedke  
Lyssa Bailey  
Jacob Baird  
Sean Barnard  
Angela Bates  
Meghan Batterson  
TJ Baumgartner  
Jarod Beaman  
Meredith Belding  
Jordan Belknap  
Anna Belner  
Dan Berry  
Ryan Betters  
Kasey Bienfang



Anastasia Addington

Age: 17

My name is... *Anastasia*

Student until... *2010*

Jeans... *"I live in them"*

Drink of choice... *fanta orange*

Hidden talent... *Hindi dance "Bollywood dance"*

Fondest memory... *when I met Vandana, because she taught me a lot of Indian culture which I have to know about.*

Childhood nickname... *"Nastya" stands for shorter name Anastasia*

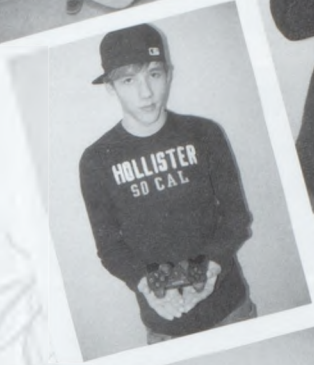
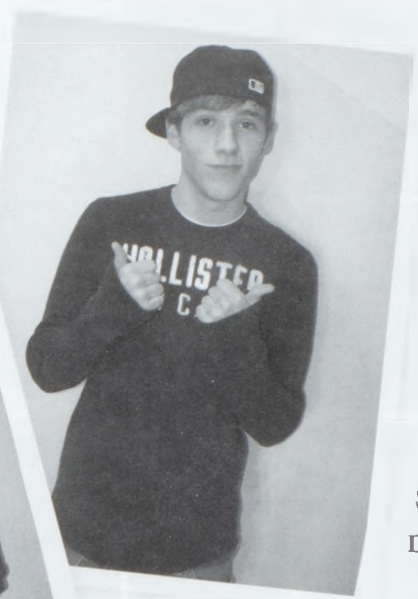
Favorite scent... *EsseLauder and Whynny Cole are my fav.*

Soundtrack... *Kal Hoo Na Hoo, it means when you never know what's going to happen tomorrow in Hindi.*

My life is... *My life is mixed of cultures.*







Jared Gilbert

Age: 16

My name is... Jared James Gilbert

Student until... 2010

Drink of choice... Mountain Dew Pitch Black

Hoodie or zip up... Hoodie, I wear them whenever I can

One thing I always have... My iPod, you can't catch me without it.

Style... It is everchanging, I do my own thing

Quote... "Why be black and blue, when you can be gold"

I eat... Everything in my way

Inspiration... Blink 182 / New Found Glory / Ashton Kutcher

My life is... Consisting of Confusion.

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- Julia Binnie
- Tim Blank
- Andrew Borst
- Dylan Boston
- Ryan Bower
- Amy Bowers
- Tyler Bradley
- Marissa Broich
- Michael Brom
- Thomas Brown
- James Browning
- Luke Bubeck
- Derek Buchholz
- Chelsie Bulger
- Abby Burch
- Lauren Burkhardt
- Sandi Burnic
- Zachary Cain
- Andi Cameron
- Jordan Campbell
- Morgan Campbell
- Catherine Caracci
- Michael Carlson
- Rachel Casciato
- Rachel Chapman
- Jayde Cherkas
- Colin Christensen
- Sydney Christensen
- Shane Christensen
- Rebecca Christiansen
- Sherri Chyi
- Ben Cigan



Hallie Clancy  
 Zachary Clay  
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 Austin Cooper  
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 Emily Eikenberry  
 Eric Eittreim  
 Katie Elliott  
 Mason Ellis  
 Libby Elmitt  
 Chris Emehiser  
 Alex Erb  
 Taylor Erwine  
 Nick Evans



Alex Erb

Age: 17

My name is... **ERB**

Student until... **2010**

Mac or PC... **Mac for sho!**

I eat... **Constantly.**

The first thing I do when I wake up... **Roll back asleep.**

Soundtrack... **Every Time We Touch - CASCADE**

Quote... **"You can tell this is Newton because there's corn"**

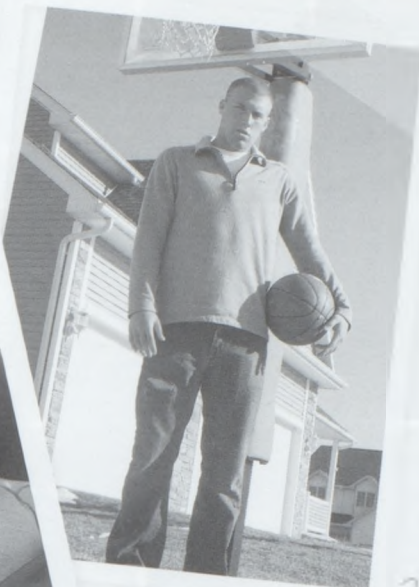
Bedtime... **Whenever I run out of caffeine.**

Most unusual gift... **A balcony with a Monster bed to it.**

My life is... **BALLIN'!**







Alec Recker

Age: 17

My name is... Alec Recker

Student until... 2010

Favorite movie... Marley and Me  
because I like dog movies

Biggest disappointment...  
Losing to Downing in the  
2nd round of the Football playoffs

Proudest moment... Getting awarded Honorable Mention for the  
08-09 Football season as a junior

Biggest challenge... Going Division-1 for Football because it has  
been my goal all my life and it's only 1 year away  
and I'm working as hard as I can

Crumple or fold toilet paper...  
Crumple because it's  
quick and easy

Political stance... Republican because my mom is and  
I like their views that they have

My life is... exciting and funny because I live life  
to the fullest everyday because you only live  
once so don't waste it.

spread by makayla coulson



Azra Feriz  
Kelsey Fiala  
Ben Fincher  
Austin Finley  
Travis Fish  
Kassie Fisher  
Anne Fleming  
Morgan Foldes  
Mitch Fondell  
Kami Ford  
Katie Fox  
Ryan Francois  
Brittney Gagnon  
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Tanner Gardiner  
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Timmy Gerzema  
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Kyler Gifford  
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Kristen Good  
David Gorden  
Troy Gordon  
Kelsie Gould  
Madison Graham  
Alex Grapp  
Kendra Greenfield  
Alex Greig



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 Katie Hinkle  
 Asif Hodzic  
 Joey Honold  
 Nick Hoobin  
 Beth Hoogenakker  
 Kevin Hu  
 Sarah Hurm  
 Griffin Idleman  
 Kirsten Ingersoll  
 Ross Ingersoll  
 Nikki Izer  
 Alex Jacobsen  
 Ben Jacobson  
 Dayna Jansen



Age: 16

Jenna Devens

My Name is... Jenna Devens

Student until 2010

I sleep When I have time

Hoodie or Zip Hoodie for sure !!

Myself SAWEET!!

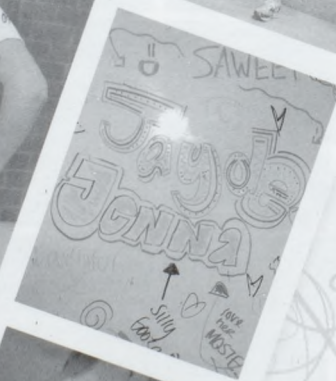
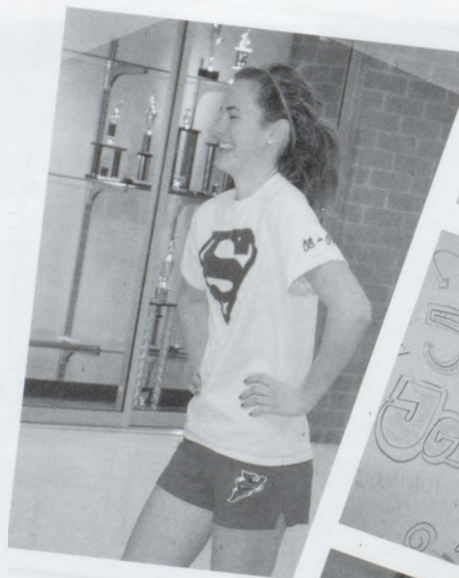
One thing I always have hair tie

Inspiration The sky

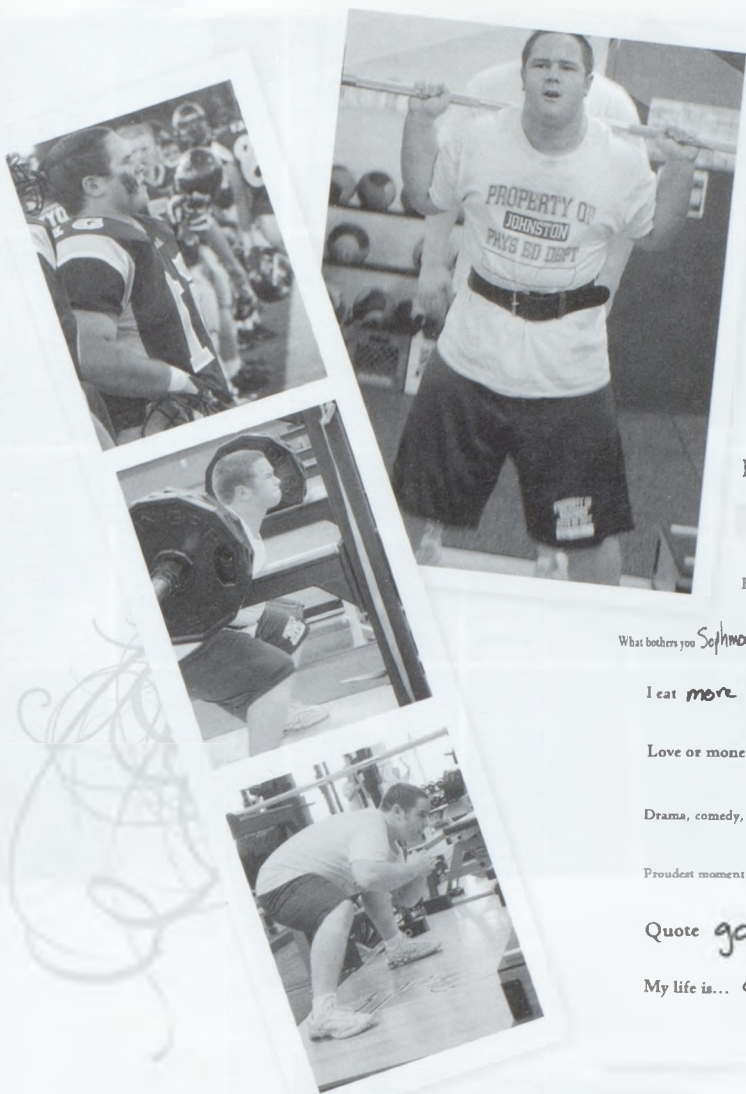
Gum YUM!

Wildest dream Flying around my house w/ Casper the friendly ghost

My life is... just right







Ben Freese

Age: 17

My name is... Ben Freese

Student until 2010

Bedtime usually in bed by 8:00

What bothers you Sophmores who stand in the middle of the hall

I eat more than most

Love or money Both would be nice

Drama, comedy, or horror Any of em I love movies

Proudest moment Shooting my 1st pheasant

Quote go drags

My life is... amazing and my friends are the Best

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Ryan Johanson  
Blake Johnson  
Bryce Johnson  
Emalie Johnson  
Jessica Johnson  
Karaline Johnson  
Kevin Johnson  
Riley Johnson  
Sara Johnson  
Nate Jorgensen  
Andrea Juergens  
Sarah Jungman  
Leah Kacere  
Michael Kacmarynski  
Emily Kane  
Megan Kellogg  
Courtney Kimble  
Kylie Kinsey  
Jocelyn Kleinschmidt  
Jake Klopfenstein  
Bailey Knapp  
Alex Kneep  
Tyler Knepper  
Matt Knoedel  
Allysa Koethe  
Amanda Korkow  
Kallen Kramer  
Courtney Kreinbring  
Brad Kruse  
Alana Krzyzak  
Monisha Kumar  
Karter Kunze



Kristy Kunze  
 Nikki Kyllonen  
 Candy Lang  
 Dylan Lang  
 Kevin Lang  
 Courtney Lappin  
 Caleb Larkin  
 Tommy Larson  
 Sean Lau  
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 Habil Lilic  
 Gabrielle Liljedahl  
 Mary Lindroth  
 Allie Lindsey  
 Kirstie Lindsey  
 Christian Lloyd  
 Ryan Lower  
 Evan Lundstrom-Yurdin  
 Jimmy Luu  
 Dwight Lykins  
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 Kaitlin Mason  
 Kody McCracken  
 Andrew McCrea  
 William McDowell  
 Sean McGowan  
 Alex McKeighan  
 Andrew Meek  
 Amanda Meier



Christina Andeweg

Age: 16

My name is... Christina Andeweg

Student until... 2010

Shoes... I hate wearing shoes - I'd rather go barefoot!

What bothers you... People who walk really slow in the hallway!

Perfect Day... I would sleep in, then do something outside, like sledding or swimming.

Biggest Challenge... I procrastinate too much!

Inie or outie... I have an innie, but when I was little I had an outie.

Can't live without... My license and car! I don't know how I lived 16 years without them!

I like steak... I've never had steak!

My life is... either really busy, or not busy at all. The nights I have a lot going on, I always end up having a ton of homework and like 4 tests the next day, but the nights when I'm free, I barely get any homework.







Madison Graham

Age: 17

My name is... *Madison Graham*

Student until... *2010*

Childhood ambition... *I wanted to be a Barbie!*

Drink of choice... *I'm not sure, def not red bull cuz the whole idea of growing wings kinda freaks me out.*

Most unusual gift... *Once an ex boyfriend bought me a glass spoon for christmas and I was like what the heck, its glass I can't even use it.*

Hidden talent... *I can sing, but only in the shower.*

Toothpaste... *Something minty, cinnamon makes my mouth feel weird.*

Isle or curio... *True! How do people with outies get their belly button pierced?!*

Pet... *I have 3 dogs, spanky, Jester, gizmo, & a hamster named Ginger!*

My life is... *fun, amazing, crazy, complicated, hilarious, unique, full of surprises, im not sure what else... you tell me.*

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Bailey Merritt  
Travis Merritt  
Patricia Miller  
Shay Miller  
Scott Monroe  
Greg Monson

Kiera Morrill  
Kayla Morris  
Austin Morrow  
Philip Mortens  
Brandon Neely  
James Neely  
Jared Nelson  
Laura Nelson

Matt Nelson  
Guy Newberry  
Trang Ngo  
Jack Nielsen  
Kristina Nixon  
Reanna Noel  
Carlyn O'Keefe  
Chris Oatts

Eric Oatts  
Jeff Oatts  
Shawn Olsasky  
Kevin Omenda  
Nate Ostiguy  
Claire Ottley  
Olivia Pace  
Hannah Palmer



Tony Palmer  
Megan Parker  
Bri Partridge  
Tyler Patten  
Joseph Payne  
Alexander Peichl  
Jake Perington  
Dylan Perkins



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Kala Pfundheller  
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Austin Polson  
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Henry Prager  
Nathan Prager



Jessica Pray  
Robert Propst  
Blake Pruitt  
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Ryan Quesnell  
Ashley Quick  
Lindsey Rasmussen  
Daniel Ratekin



Riley Rath  
Allison Rawls  
Robert Rebouche  
Alec Recker  
Loryn Reed  
Sam Reed  
Timothy Reynolds  
Alex Richards



Khael Rosburg  
Matt Rose  
Jennifer Ross  
Kari Ross  
Kayla Ross  
Megan Roth  
Braden Rupp  
Sarah Russell



Kayla Morris

Age: 17

My name is Kayla Morris

Student until 2010

Childhood ambition When I was a kid I wanted to know if Santa was real. I would hate that so much.

Can't live without I can't live without my family. They are always there for me.

First job Dahl's Bucker/Cashier

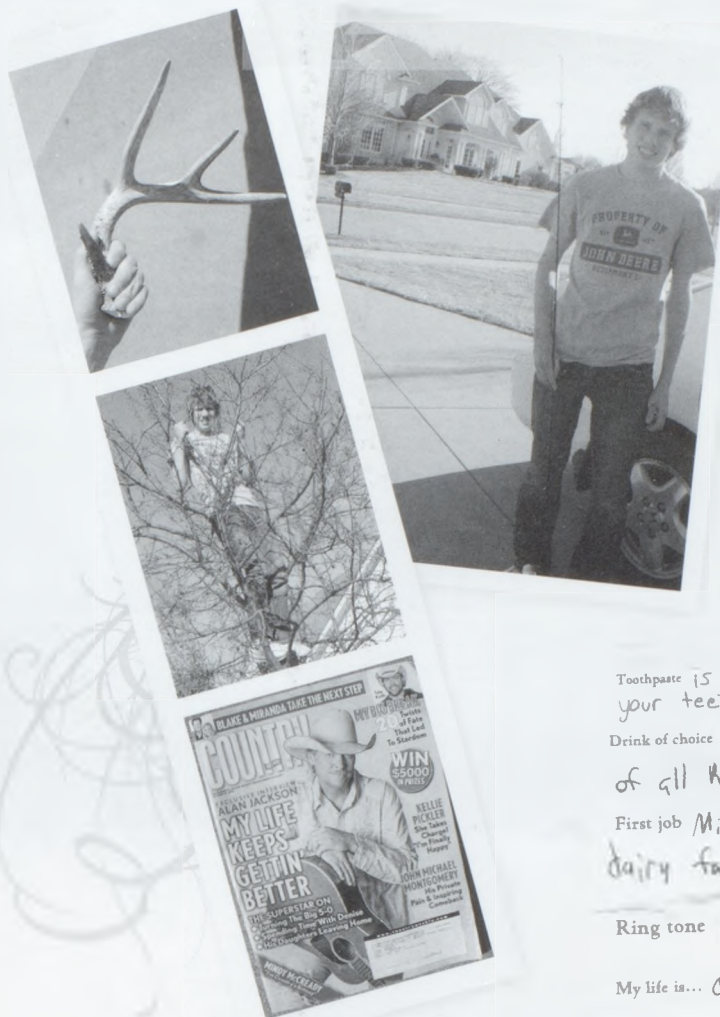
Favorite movie A Walk to Remember. I read the book in 8th grade and once I started the book I couldn't put it down. Once I finished the book I had to see the movie.

Hoodie or zip up I would choose hoodie, cause I wear hoodies more than zip up.

My life is exciting, there is never a dull moment. I love to try new things, experience new things.







Brad Kruse

Age: 17

My name is... Brad Kruse

Student until 2010

Last purchase Country Weekly Magazine

Fear fear itself

Toothpaste is a good thing to use while brushing your teeth.

Drink of choice Sioux City Sarsaparilla (the granddaddy of all Root Beer)

First job Milking cows at my grandparents dairy farm.

Ring tone Frank Caliendo imitating John Madden

My life is... all about being outdoors

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Brianna Ryan  
Aldina Sabic  
Courtney Sabus  
Sara Salvini  
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Ciara Schaben  
Victoria Schnittker  
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Joshua Schumaker  
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Kayla Schuster  
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Nick Smith  
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 Leslie Ulm  
 Katie Upton  
 Alex Van Langen  
 Kjirsten Van Pelt  
 Chelsea Van Vark  
 Ben Vanderploeg  
 Christos Vardaxis



Ross Ingersoll

Age: 16

My name is... Ross Ingersoll

Student until... 2010

Childhood ambition... Rapper

Future occupation... Sports Agent

Childhood nickname... Ricky Ross

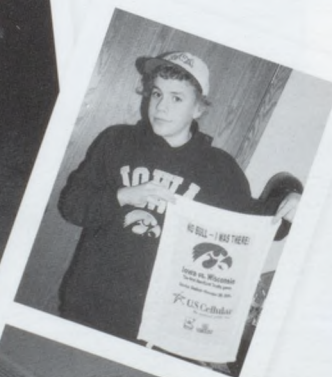
First job... Pump It Up

Soundtrack... Young Jeezy - The Recession

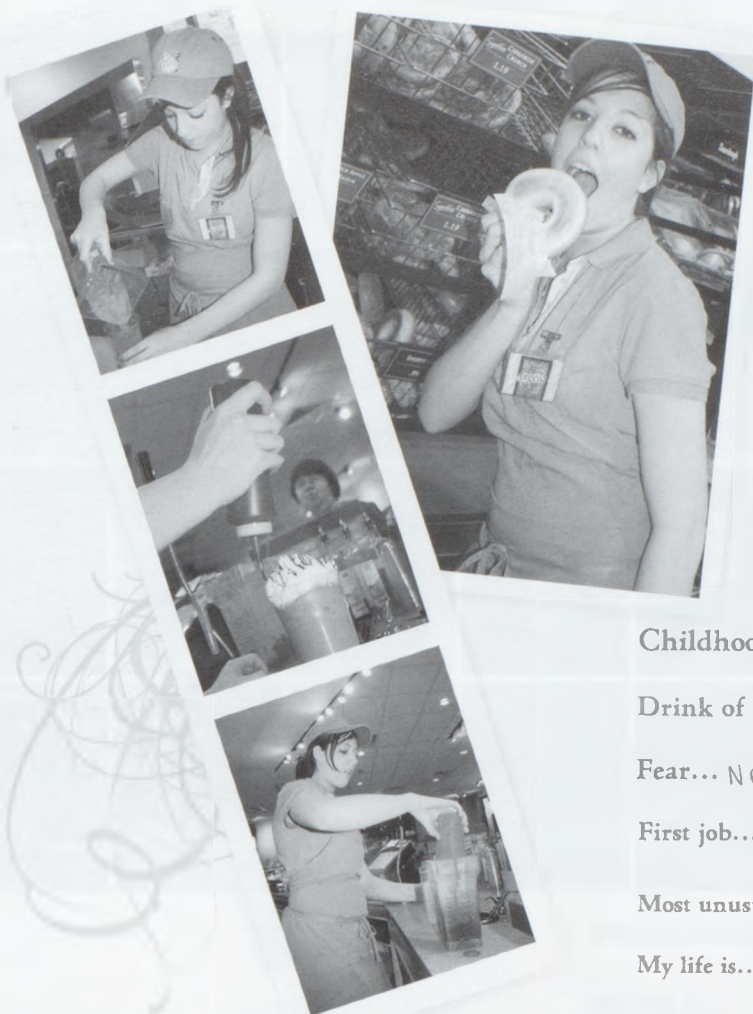
Quote... "Get it Ross" ~ Dylan Lang

Pet... My Gecko Lester

My life is.. Mug cuz imma real OG







Angela Bates

Age: 17

My name is... Angela Bates

Student until... 2010

Bedtime... weekends never, weeknights whenever

Biggest disappointment... Mount Rushmore (it was small!)

Childhood nickname... Honeybuns -- yeah I know

Drink of choice... Pink Hawaiian (Virgin pina colada)

Fear... Needles, spiders, windy days

First job... Panera in Urbandale

Most unusual gift... Spiderman Nachador mask

My life is... Really busy! Really fun! Sometimes ridiculous...

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Andrew Verhasselt  
Chris Villegas  
Jill Von Fumetti  
Emily Vos  
Skyler Waddell  
Caleb Wagner  
Mary Wahl  
Ben Waldschmitt

Cody Walkup  
Kayla Ward  
Sarah Warren  
Ben Warrick  
Chad Weirich  
Eric Wentz  
Abigail Wenzl  
Abbey Westemeyer

Taylor Westercamp  
Chanlea Wilkes  
Bradley Wilkinson  
Kristine Williams  
Steve Williams  
J.B. Williams  
Lexi Willim  
Ali Willis

Raymon Wilson  
Brennan Winget  
Jacob Wood  
Ashley Wright  
Trinity Zeiger  
Lin Zhang



# Sophomores

Ben Adam  
Jordan Adams  
Amanda Akers  
Faisal Alabsi  
Brian Aldrich  
Steven Allison  
Ginny Anagnost  
Aaron Anderson  
Claire Anderson  
Erik Anderson  
Kara Anderson  
Trevor Anderson  
Christopher Andrews  
Francesca Angeloni  
Jacob Aswegan  
Shae Atterberg  
Owen Ballard  
Nick Barney  
Blake Barrett  
Meredith Batz  
Matt Beary  
Haley Beaver  
Tyrsa Beck  
Justin Becvar  
Rachel Beierschmitt  
Anna Belknap  
Ashton Bellah  
Josh Bengtson  
Jacob Bennett  
Mackenzie Berger  
Erik Bergstrom  
Dylan Betters



Makayla Tuon

Age: 15

My Name Is... Makayla Tuon.

Student until 2011

Last purchase Mountain Dew

What bothers you Inside-out hoods

Cant live without cell phone.

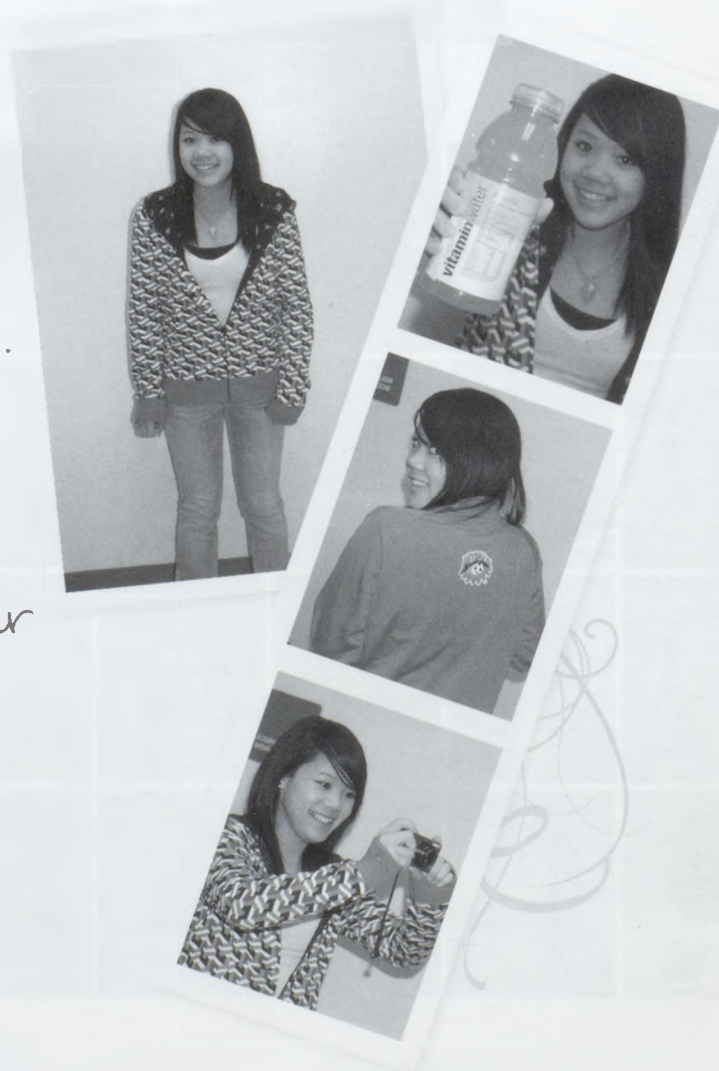
Drink of choice Orange Vitamin Water

Drama, comedy, or horror? comedy

Favorite scent Ed Hardy

I relieve stress by listening to music

My life is... great







T.J. Retherford

Age: 16

My name is... T.J. Retherford

Student until 2011

Cant live without Cell phone

Drink of choice Mountain Dew

Favorite movie Pirates of the Caribbean

I relieve stress by listening to music

Love or money Money

One word to describe myself brilliant

Hoodie or zip up Zip up

My life is... pretty good

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Trevor Biley  
Cameron Biondi  
Alyx Birmingham  
Collin Bisenius  
Emily Bisenius  
Justin Blackburn  
Luke Bormann  
Brittany Borup  
Leah Bowman  
Cayla Boyd  
Gaby Brass  
Hailey Bridgewater  
Margaret Brimeyer  
Art Brodeur  
Mitchell Bruckshaw  
Devon Bucher  
Alex Bumpus  
Kaitlin Bunting  
Kristin Bunting  
Melinda Busch  
Haley Butterfield  
Becca Campbell  
Meghan Campbell  
Mitch Campbell  
Brandon Carey  
Alyson Carlisle  
Katherine Cashman  
Bryan Castellano  
Nick Celestino  
Thy Chau  
Danielle Christensen  
Shayla Christensen



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 Chrissy Clark  
 Sarah Cleveland  
 Amber Clock  
 Taylor Coakley  
 Chris Coble  
 Preston Cole  
 Blake Collins  
 Paige Collison  
 Jordan Colvin  
 Owen Cooper  
 Arnesa Cosic  
 Ryan Coulson  
 Dellanie Couture  
 Emy Coy  
 Darnell Crawford  
 Allie Crist  
 Kerrigan Crofts  
 Lindsey Curiel  
 Megan Curtis  
 Alyssa Czaplá  
 Matthew Daisy  
 MaryKathryn Dalton  
 Matt Darland  
 Blake Davidson  
 Christina Davis  
 Katie Davis  
 Katy Davis  
 Scott Davis  
 Nichoelle Debrouse  
 Matt DeFrancisco  
 Josh DeLanoit



Reed Clabaugh

Age: 15

My name is... Reed Clabaugh

Student until 2011

Cant live without "I couldn't live without youth group every Wednesday night at my church"

Childhood nickname In 7th grade my nickname was Chip

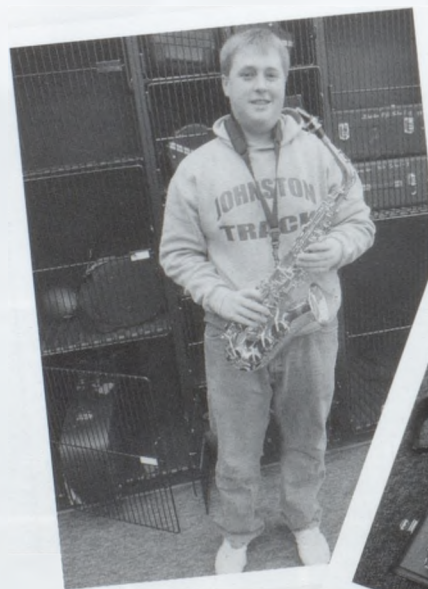
One thing I always have: I always have my wallet and cell phone

Ringtone I always have my phone on vibrate, I don't even know what my ringtone is

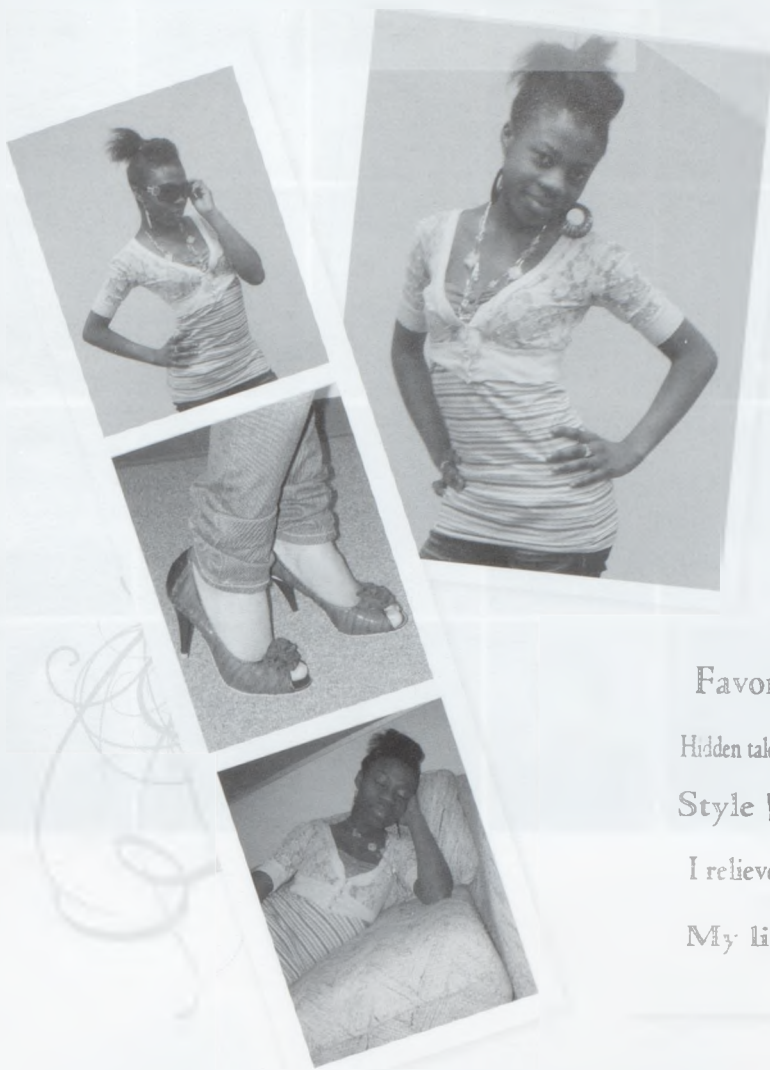
Biggest Disappointment Philadelphia Eagles, 0 super Bowls

Religion Christian / Baptist

My life is... pretty fun most of the time







Anissah Kuyateh

Age: 15

My name is... Anissah Kuyateh  
Student until 2011

I sleep because I want to grow taller  
Shoes size 6 because I have small feet

Love or money Both

Favorite utensil Blue pen

Hidden talent Move my stomach like waves

Style Fresh to death

I relieve stress by yelling (having an attitude)

My life is... Ah-Mazing

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Dylan DePenning  
Nathan DePenning  
Ervin Deumic  
Dalton Dingman  
Matt Dippold  
Djordje Djuric  
Chris Dockum  
Maddie Doherty  
Selma Dolic  
Jordan Doswell  
Brooklyn Drake  
Hannah Droogsma  
Rachel Dubas  
Alyssa Eaves  
Tyler Efnor  
Brendan Elliott  
MacKenzie Ellis  
Charlie Engblom  
Lincoln Eppard  
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 Nick Goss  
 Emma Gowey  
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 Lucijan Grbavac  
 Tanner Grill  
 Bobby Gritmit  
 Stefanie Hagan  
 Bradley Hagerla  
 Kevin Han  
 Jessica Hansen  
 Jake Hanson  
 Dre Harris  
 Denira Hasanovic  
 Dylan Haugland  
 Kristine Hauser  
 Alex Hawks  
 Trevor Heglin



Brian Aldrich

Age: 15

My name is... Brian Aldrich

Student until... 2/014

Childhood ambition... wanted to be a ~~fire~~ fire fighter

Fear... No Fear

What bothers you... when people pick their noses

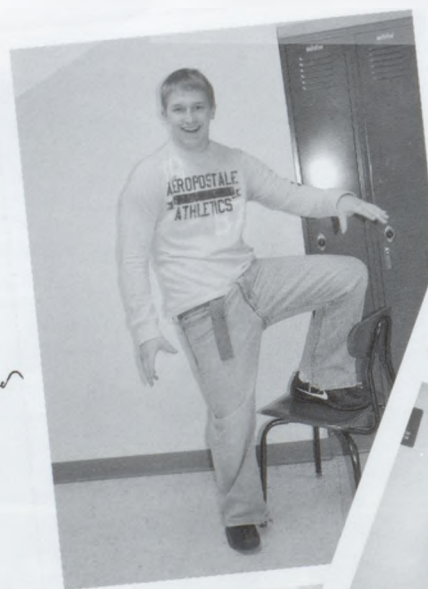
Love or money... Money

Wildest dream... Being on an Island with nothing but hot girls

Can't live without... girls

Body art... Ya love it

My life is... filled with ~~love~~ Love







Victoria Horstman

Age: 15

My name is... Victoria Horstman

Student until... 2011

Fondest Memory... Playing outside in the sprinkler and making forts in the backyard.

Quote... People grow through experience if they meet life honestly and courageously. This is how character is built.  
- Eleanor Roosevelt

What bothers you... What bothers me is when people cheat and don't try themselves

Gum... Extra

Drink of choice... Strawberry smoothie

Karma... how people treat you is their karma; how you react is yours.

Fear... My Biggest Fear is that I will be put in a dangerous and scary situation that I have little control over.

My life is... busy, unorganized, and filled with fun.  
I like to always be doing something. I like having fun with friends + family.

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Marisa Heisterkamp  
Brett Heitkamp  
Caleb Helscher  
Julia Henning  
Zach Herbert  
Jake Hermanson  
Molly Hess  
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Ashlie Hodapp  
Adela Hodzic  
Jamerris Holder  
Casey Holt  
Victoria Horstman  
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Kristen Howe  
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Michelle Hummel  
Jake Hunsberger  
Skyler Hyde  
Spencer Hyde  
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 Peyton Kueny  
 Ananya Kumar  
 Ethan Kumbara  
 Anissah Kuyateh  
 Hunter LaFollette  
 Mitch Langos



Alex Hawks

Age: 16

My name is... Alex Hawks

Student until... 2011

Shoes... Converse

Drink of choice... Cherry Coke

Can't live without... music

Proudest moment... Making it to state for track last season

First thing I do when I wake up... brush my teeth

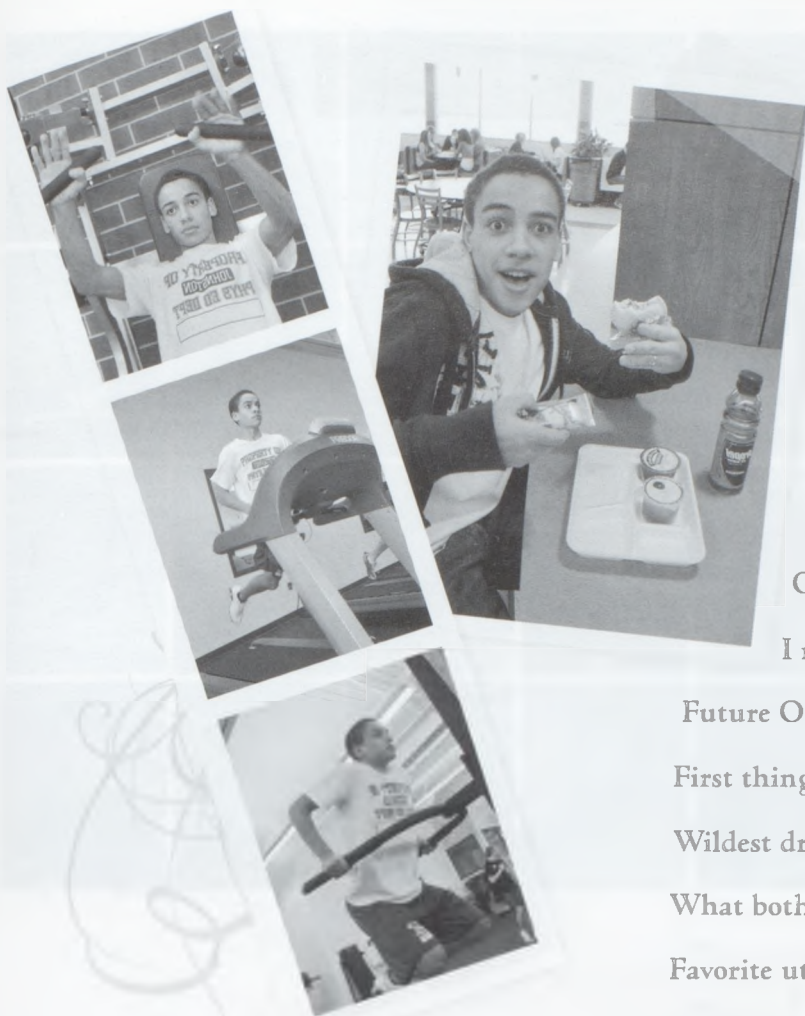
Perfect day... Going to the pool with my friends in the summer

What bothers you... When people walk slow in front of you in the halls

My life is... AMAZING! ☺







L.J. Lipscomb

Age: 15

My name is... L.J. Lipscomb

Student until... 2011

One thing I always have... Money

I relieve stress by... Running

Future Occupation... Treatment director at a prison

First thing I do when I wake up... eat a big breakfast

Wildest dream... Running in the olympics

What bothers you... Teachers who think they're funny (Mr. A)

Favorite utensil... Spork

My life is... Blessed

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 Ryan Larsen  
 Katie Lashier  
 Spencer Lee  
 Shalyn Lenaghan  
 Andrew Leslie  
 Dalton Leslie  
 Katherine Lewis  
 Alex Ligouri  
 Noelle Liljedahl  
 Joe Lilly  
 LuEttaMae Lindsay  
 Brandon Lingren  
 Emily Linscheid  
 LJ Lipscomb  
 Kennady Loffredo  
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 Elissa Lowe  
 Miriam Luna  
 Todd Lunceford  
 Isaura Luong  
 Thomas Luvan  
 Spencer Macklin  
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 Makayla Mawhinney  
 Sarah Mayer



Brandon McBride  
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 Nedzad Miskic  
 Calvin Mitchell  
 Michael Mitchell  
 Logan Moe  
 Brett Moffitt  
 Geneva Mongar  
 Nancy Montes  
 Maddie Morris  
 Tommy Morrissey  
 Jessica Mozga  
 Tyler Muscovitz  
 Claire Nagel



Lorena Grbavac

Age: 17

My name is... Lorena

I am a student until... 2011

My favorite quote is... "For any of us our forever could end in a minute, or a hundred years from now you never know for sure so you'd better make every second count."

Body art? belly button piercing

Recent impulse buy? target, pointless stuff

Can't live without? addys, Panache

Last text? don't worry about it

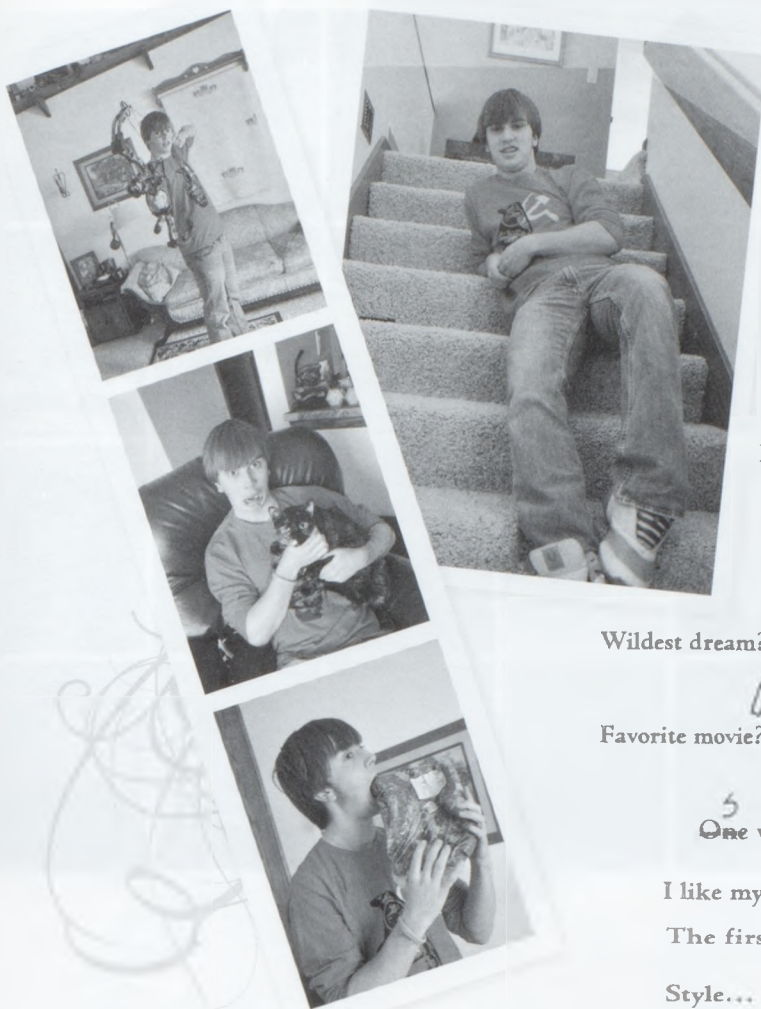
One word to describe myself... adventurous

Favorite jean brand... anything my outfit looks good in

My life is... like coon anno








Matt Joslin

Age: 16

My name is... Matt "the Iceman" Joslin

Student until... May 2011

Last purchase? Donut. fantastic

Wildest dream? When I got attacked by a lion  
ARG! 

Favorite movie? Step Brothers

One word to describe myself THE THUG LIFE

I like my steak... Medium

The first thing I do when I wake up... Showaaaaaa!

Style... FLY!

My life is... Dope!

spread by monika schic



Kyle Naig  
Ahmad Naim  
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Daeante Neely  
Anid Nezirevic  
Julia North  
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 Monika Sehic  
 Ian Selinger  
 Chad Sexton  
 Ahmed Shaharyar  
 Mark Sharp  
 Sam Shelton  
 Mike Shi  
 Zane Shryock  
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Alex Bumpus

Age: 16

My name is... Alex Bumpus

Student until 2011

Drama, comedy, or horror comedy

Can't live without My family

Pet German Shepherd

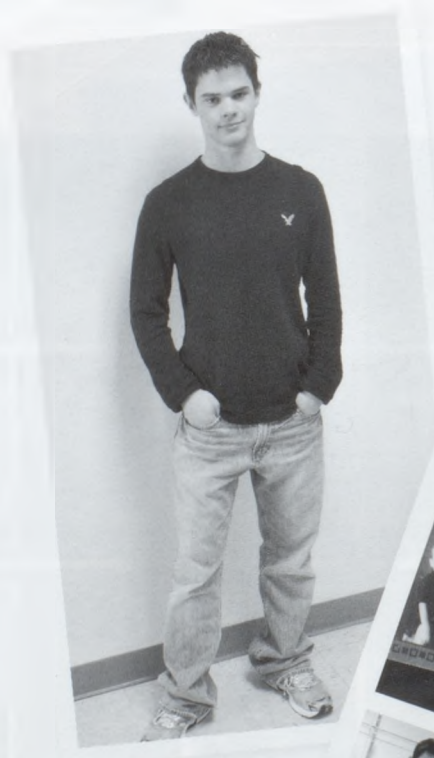
Childhood nickname Axle

Drink of choice Coke

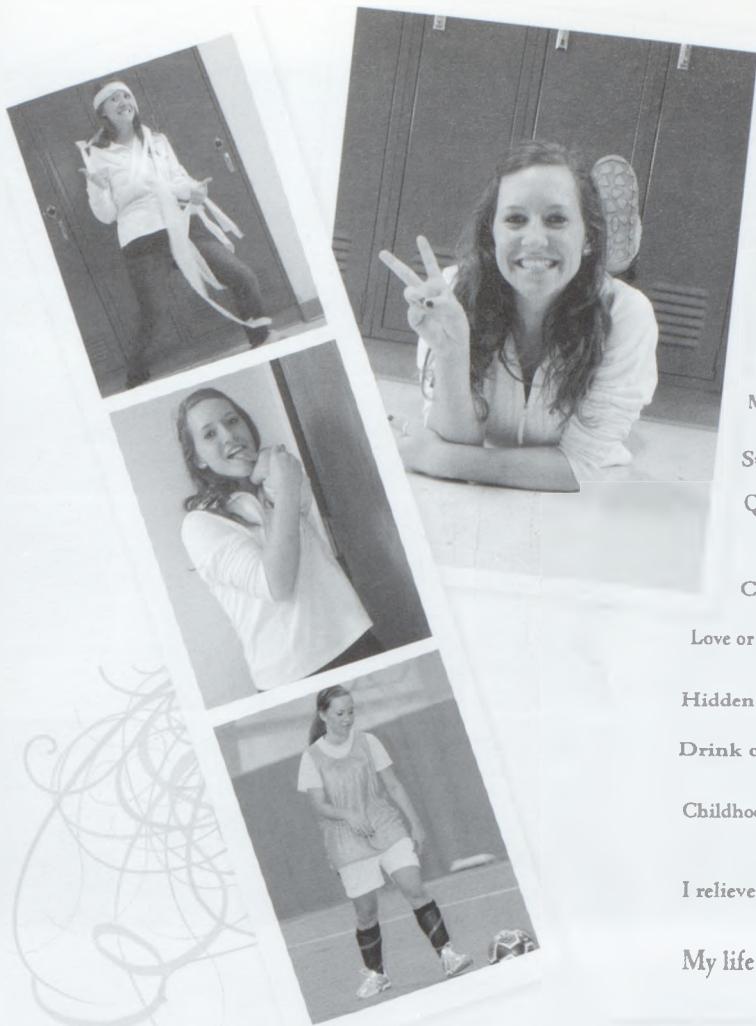
One word to describe myself Loyal

Quote Though I walk through the Valley of Death, I fear no evil

My life is... Great







Megan Randolph

Age: 15

My name is... Megan Elizabeth Randolph

Student until 2011

Quote You're Alive. Do Something

Crumple or fold toilet paper... Crumple for sure :)

Love or money Love

Hidden talent I can lick my elbow! :)

Drink of choice ~~Diet~~ Diet Coke

Childhood nickname Meggybetn

I relieve stress by doodling

My life is... full of excitement!!!

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Reed Siems  
 Kyle Skinner  
 Ryan Smaha  
 Adnana Smajlovic  
 Emma Smith  
 Joshua Smith  
 Amanda Soda  
 Amber Solberg  
 Rachael Sorci  
 Mitchell Sparks  
 Robbie Spearman  
 Cory Stapes  
 Ryan Stapes  
 Ben Stensrud  
 Tressa Steuber  
 Zach Stitz  
 Teddy Strand  
 Tyler Strand  
 Mikhala Stutzman  
 Jake Sullivan  
 Max Suvalsky  
 Rachel Swanson  
 Jake Swesey  
 DJ Swift  
 Brandon Taylor  
 Erin Tekolste  
 Carr Terpstra  
 Thomas Thatcher  
 Jake Thies  
 Stephanie Thimmesch  
 Alexander Thomas  
 Vickilee Thomas



Ryan Tiller  
 Josh Tindall  
 Brandon Toepfer  
 Sebrina Toepfer  
 Renata Topic  
 Jay Torres  
 Austin Trainer  
 Caitlyn Trillet  
 Brittany Trow  
 Makayla Tuon  
 Dane Van Brocklin  
 Andrew Vander Zwaag  
 Spencer Vasey  
 AJ Venteicher  
 Nick Verhuel  
 Nick Vogel  
 Taylor Von Rentzell  
 Zach Waddell  
 Alex Wagner  
 Kristen Waite  
 Tawny Walker-King  
 Ryan Walton  
 Chelsea Waltz  
 Scott Wanninger  
 Collin Ward  
 Molly Ward  
 Connor Wegner  
 Emily Welch  
 Eric Welter  
 Alex Wendell  
 Briana Wengert  
 Erica White



Age: 16

Brianna Wengert

My name is... Briana Wengert  
 Student until... 2011  
 Religion Catholic & proud of it!!  
 Color pink, duh!  
 Childhood nickname Breezy!  
 Cant live without oxygen  
 Most unusual gift A dictionary.  
 Pet Buffers.. she's soo adorable!  
 Recent impulse buy pretty much everything in my closet  
 Drama, comedy, or horror  
 \*My life is  
 LIKE OUHH-AHHHH!!







Haley Wiggins  
 Adam Wiley  
 Elissa Wiley  
 Garrette Williams  
 Matt Williamson  
 Thomas Winkelman  
 James Winterbottom  
 Panalie Wiratsorn  
 Brittany Witmer  
 Joel Wittman  
 Alex Wolfe  
 Connor Woody  
 Skylar Wright  
 Cindy Xu  
 Joe Zahn  
 Jordan Zenor

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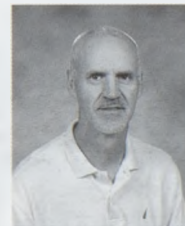
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ELL



Norah Olguin  
Spanish



Nilam Parekh  
Special Education



Andrea Pater  
Sp. Ed. Associate



Heath Pattshcull  
Vocational Coordinator



Adam Paulson  
Math

Mr. Mead

Science Teacher

My name is... DUSTIN MEAD

Teacher Until... MY PASSION FOR TEACHING RUNS OUT.

Proudest Moment... FINISHING MY FIRST MARATHON

What Bothers You... LAZINESS

Color... RED

I Sleep... VERY LITTLE

Fondest Memory... MY WEDDING DAY.

My life is... HELTIC BUT FULFILLING







English Teacher

Ms. Mullen

My name is...

Rachel Mullen

Student Until...

I was a student at Johnston from 1990-2003 (I actually graduated from Johnston!)

Toothpaste... I have a mild obsession with having white teeth, so having whitener in the toothpaste is a must.

Shoes... I have more flip-flops than anyone should really own.

Future Occupation... When I grow up, I still want to be a hiking guide in Colorado, a full-time traveler and work for "this American Life" (a radio show on National Public Radio).

Ringtone... My ringtone is a song by my favorite band, Guster called "Happier." It just makes me happy when I listen to it!

Favorite Scent... I know this sounds strange, but I kind of like the smell of basements. I don't know what it is, but I think it smells unique.

I Relieve Stress by... Running or eating chocolate. They kind of cancel one another out sometimes, though.

My Life is... ever changing...

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Danielle Pippert  
Math



Julie Probst  
Math



Ashley Quick  
Sp. Ed. Associate



Adam Retzlaff  
Math



Isaac Rodenberg  
Math



Alicia Rollison  
Social Studies



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Athletic Director



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Jill Versteeg  
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Ed Walker  
English



Roz Weaver  
Special Education



Jessica Webb  
Social Studies



Sarah Wessling  
English



Melissa White  
English



Jeremy Yenger  
Social Studies



# CATALOG

Discussing policy at the Johnston gazebo, Johnston School Board member Tyler Buller and senior Amy Lovejoy converse about upcoming school board issues. Buller, a former Johnston graduate, became the youngest school board member.



Photo by brittany deal

January

February

March

April

May

June



Texting during study hall, junior Dwight Lykins fails to work on his newspaper final in the Journalism Lab. "My iPhone is my life," Lykins said. "It proves my geekiness." Apple Company came out with a new iPhone in 2008.



Recording History.

All history.

So newly added, are current events.

So find your name,

Find your team,

and see who supported the yearbook.

Use the next couple pages to help you,

remember all the events that went on.

This is your Catalog.

Looking for adventure, seniors Taylor Probst, and Breanna Ellis decide to rock climb at Climb Iowa, during their church lock in. "I have only been two times and both were with my youth group at St. James." Probst said. "One time we got certified to belay and climb down on our own!"



Photo by erin funk

July August September October November December



## Jacob Baumgartner



Jake,

Since the day you were born you have been a take-charge guy. Being focused and goal oriented has served you well. Underneath that tough exterior is a loving heart and creative spirit. You are protective of your family, friends and the underdog. Dream often, dream big and take the path that leads to your goals. Most of all laugh and keep happiness in your heart. We love you and are very proud of you.



Love,  
Mom & Dad



Kovin,

You are a good person and wonderful young man and we are very proud of you. It has been a long trip from that very first step in kindergarten through high school. You have learned so much along the way. Explore your dreams – business, hockey, and cars. An exciting world is ahead of you. Live the golden rule. We know you will work hard and have a successful future.



Love you always,  
Mom & Dad

Kovin  
Benziger



Sarah,

We are very proud of the responsible, kind and giving person you have become. You are a wonderful young lady. You have brought so much fun and joy to our family. We are so happy for you, entering this time of your life. There is so much excitement ahead for you!! Remember we will always be behind you in whatever you do. Believe in yourself. You can achieve it.



Love you,  
Mom, Dad & Tyler

Sarah  
Buller



Caroline,

You have always been queen of our hearts! We are so proud of all your successes – but more importantly, we're proud of the person you've become. The journey you're about to begin will bring you one step closer to achieving your dream. You will go far, but please don't forget us "little people!"



We love you very much,  
Mom, Dad & Scott

Caroline  
Byrd

## Nels Engblom

Nels,

We are so proud of you! Since you were a baby, we have enjoyed watching you grow and excel in everything you do. Your strong soul and perseverance guided you through a challenging time in your life, yet you did not miss a beat. Your determination and strength to overcome your many surgeries and radiation treatments has inspired all of us. We look forward to watching you follow through with your aspirations and seeing your dreams come true.



We love you forever!  
Mom, Dad, Charlie, Isabella,  
Luke & Paul



Steph,

For 18 years God has allowed us to share laughter, tears, failures and successes. The blessings have been countless and the memories endless. Now a new chapter starts with new blessings and new memories. The path is yours to choose, you have our love and support.



Love  
Mom, Dad & Niki

Stephanie  
Ferguson





Chelsea,

Not the journey we expected.  
We're proud you kept your spirit  
of grace and sweetness.  
We believe in you always,  
Chelsea!

All our love,  
Mom, Dad, Collin & Gus

"Adversity is the diamond dust  
Heaven polishes its jewels with."  
-Leighton

*Chelsea*  
Bisenius



*Zach*  
Buckley



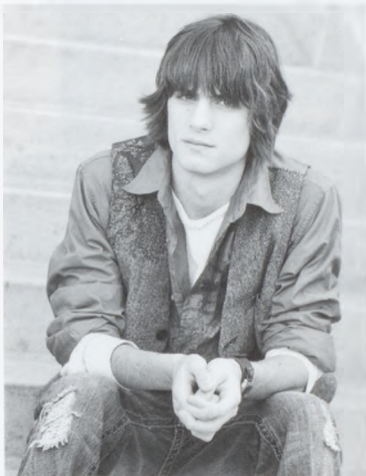
Zach,

You are everything we hoped and  
prayed for in a son! Challenge  
yourself in the future to continue  
to be the best you can. Aim high  
and you will achieve your dreams.  
We are very proud of you and  
can't wait to see what the future  
holds for you.

Love  
Dad, Mom, Alyssa & Madi



*Hunter*  
Connelly



Hunter,

We are so proud of the person you  
have become. You have overcome  
many struggles in life... A lesson  
you can carry with you when  
facing new ones. Remember to  
focus on the journey. Life is always  
now. Your entire life unfolds in this  
constant now.

We Love You,  
Mom, Dad, Chelsea, & Autumn



Ashley,

You have grown into such an  
incredible young woman. We are  
so proud of you!

Always,  
Your loving family

*Ashley*  
Elliott

*Adam*  
Frakes



Dearest Adam,

Congratulations!  
You've worked hard to build the  
foundation for your future, and you  
have much to celebrate. As you travel  
through life remember those who have  
journeyed before you, and be grateful  
for the path they have created. Always  
be aware of those who will follow. Be  
generous of heart and spirit. Whatever  
your desires and goals, keep peace with  
your soul. And remember: Challenges  
make life interesting; overcoming them  
makes life meaningful.

Always here for you,  
Mom, Dad & Alexandra

*Erin*  
Funk



Dear Erin,

Congratulations, you have grown to  
be a very AMAZING daughter, sister  
and individual. You have always been  
excited about life and helping those  
around you. We are very proud of all  
you have accomplished and eagerly  
await what the next chapter in your life  
will bring. Enjoy each day to its fullest  
and continue to use your creativity,  
imagination and spice for life to reach  
each of your dreams.

Love always,  
Mom, Dad, Emily & Lily





## Amanda Gabbert



Congratulations Panda Bear!

In such a short time you've accomplished so much. We're so proud of the beautiful and caring young woman you have become. Always know that we love and support you and look forward to seeing you continue to grow.

Love,  
Mom & Dad



To our Beauty, our Dolly,  
our "Little Alex,"



Know that we are immensely proud of the young lady you have become for many reasons; your hard work, drive and determination is admirable! You have a wonderful sense of humor, amazing insight, strong will and many gifts and talents. We know that we are blessed to have such a wonderful daughter! We want you to know that we are always behind you and you will always have our love and admiration.

We love you – always!  
Mom, Dad & Jake



## Alex Garland

Joe



*May All Your  
Dreams Come True*

*Love you...  
Mom*

## Jacob Heil



Jake,

We are so proud of you. It has been fun for us to watch you grow up and share in all of your achievements. Keep working hard to achieve those goals. May you be blessed and feel blessed the rest of your life.

Love always,  
Dad, Mom, Jenna, Joel & Julia

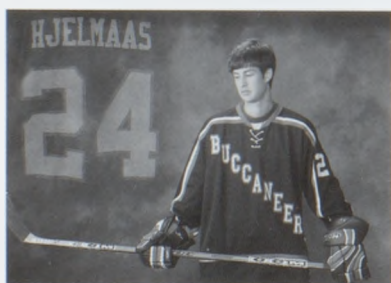


## Benjamin Hjelmaas

Dear Ben,

We are so proud of the young man you have become and very excited about the bright future that lies ahead of you. You have accomplished many great things and you are a person of great character and loyalty. You are just beginning a great adventure and we will always be there right beside you as you live out your dreams.

Love,  
Mom & Dad, Jacob,  
Alex & Josh



Britt,

You have brought so much joy into our lives and we love you! You are an amazing, beautiful and talented young lady. Don't ever be afraid to take chances, remember to believe in yourself and always follow your dreams. Congratulations on your high school graduation; your life's journey is just beginning. We are so proud of you!

All our love,  
Dad, Mom & Ethan



## Brittany Huettman



# Kaeleigh Gebard



"God Danced The Day You Were Born  
You are love  
You are beautiful  
You are fit of God  
His own possession  
You are gift to all  
Mankind  
His gift of love to them  
You are His"  
-Richard Kramer

We are so proud of the young lady you have become and the quiet witness you are to others. You are a blessing to our family. God has great plans for your future. Trust Him with all your dreams.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Erika & Anelise

# Cole Glenn



Cole,

Our house is going to be empty and we wish we could hold on to our last baby a little longer. We know it is time for you to leave for college, but we're really going to miss you. We admire your desires to make the world a better place. After graduation, there's going to be exciting times and we urge you to make the best of your future.



Love always,  
Mom & Dad



Dear Adam,

Congratulations on your graduation! You should be very proud of all your accomplishments. I know we are. Besides all of your leadership roles in various groups and organizations, you should be most proud of the person you have become.

Love always,  
Dad & Jim



# Adam Helgeson

# Tom Hinchliff

Tom,



From your quick arrival eighteen years ago to choosing a college, my how time flies! You have so many gifts, from your kind and generous heart, intelligence, compassion, sense of humor, faith and imagination. We are excited to watch your future develop. Along the way be sure to challenge, dream, follow your heart and have fun! You are unique and special and we love you very much!

Dad, Mom & Jim

# Stephanie Ivankovich



Dear Stefanija,

We can't believe you're a senior! It seems we were just taking you to kindergarten. You have matured into a special and spectacular young lady. Follow your dreams and we will support you in every way that we possibly can. You bring joy, laughter and happiness to all those around you. We are so proud of you! We love you and cherish you always.

Love,  
Dad, Mom & Alyssa



# Zachary Jensen



Zachary,

You have grown from a little boy to a fine young man. We can't believe 18 years have gone by so quickly. You are a wonderful son and brother. You have brought much laughter and happiness to our family. Thanks for making our joy as parents easy. We are so proud of you! Always remember that we are here to love and support you.

We love you!  
Mom, Dad, Megan,  
Amanda & Hannah





## Thomas Jones



Ryan,

You've grown from a silly little boy that liked to crawl into the dog box to a strong, intelligent young man that genuinely cares for and shows respect for others. We are extremely proud of the person you've become and we know your willingness to follow your heart and always do what is right will take you a long ways. We love you and will always be proud of you.



Love,  
Mom & Dad

## Deryn Lenaghan



It seems like just yesterday you were six and drawing dresses... You have grown into a young woman who is not only beautiful on the outside, but more importantly on the inside. We are so very proud of you and excited to share with you the next part of your journey. We'll be here to support and love you always and pray all your dreams come true, honey!



Love,  
Mom, Dad & Shay

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."  
Proverbs 16:3



Jessie,

You're about to finish the "school years" chapter of your life — one filled with success, honors and many great memories. Enjoy the next phase of your life. You'll be amazed at what's out there waiting for you! You are so beautiful, so loved and such a source of pride. We wish you a future filled with love, laughter and all the best things in life. Congratulations on your graduation!



Love,  
Mom & Jen

## Jessie McClanahan

## Justin McCormick



Justin

We can't believe that you're graduating from high school. It seems like just yesterday that you were riding a spring horse and playing cowboy or running around wearing nothing but a diaper and cowboy boots! Look at you today... you've turned into a great golfer not to mention a very respectful young man. We are so very, very proud of you!



We Love You!  
Mom & Dad

PS. Grandpa is smiling right now!

## J.T. Minor



JT,

You rock! We are very proud of all you've accomplished! GBY

Love,  
Mom, Dad & Ellie

## Amber Morales



Don't sit around waiting for somebody else to make you happy. Happy is a do-it-yourself kind of thing. Be true to yourself and to what you want. Broken hearts heal, broken dreams don't. Make your own choices, but remember you have to live with them. Take chances, life is waiting to open a door for you. Forgive others when necessary forgive yourself. See the good all around you even if you have to squint. Love who you are, and know that you are loved.



Mom, Dad & Casey





Krystal,

Your smiling face and crazy sense of humor have always made us laugh. You keep us on our toes switching between princess and tomboy, goofy and serious... but the one constant is your generous nature. We are proud of you and truly thank God for placing you in our family. We are excited to see how He continues to mold you in the years to come. You are such a blessing...

We love you!  
Mom & Dad

*Krystal*  
Lewis

*Joey*  
Lyons



Joey,

The greatest blessings I have known are having you to walk beside me and watching you grow into the man you have become. Your courage, kind-heart, talent, intelligence, sense of humor and honest spirit will continue to assist you in achieving your dreams. Look back at all you have to be proud of, look forward with faith and keep doing what you do every day!

Love Always,  
Mom & Dad

*Tara*  
McCulley



Congratulations Tara,

We look back on your childhood and are so blessed with the memories and thankful for the joy you have brought to our lives. We are proud of all your accomplishments. As you continue on this journey remember we will always be here for you. Remember as you close one door in your life and open another, life is what you make of it.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Lindsey & Matthew

*Aaron & Nickie*  
Meyer



Aaron,

Time has passed way too quickly! We are so proud of you and excited for what the future will bring. You have such an amazing heart and fun spirit and you bring more joy to our lives than we thought possible. We are always here for you and love you more than you can imagine. The best is yet to come!

Love, Mom & Dad



Coley,

We could not be more proud of the wonderful daughter you are and the amazing person you are becoming. Dream big, be adventurous and brave, have lots of fun and keep smiling that beautiful smile. We love you so much and will always support you in all you do!

Love, Mom & Dad

*Ajdin*  
Nadarevic



The trail does not end here, it is just the beginning. You started as this happy little smiling boy, and you have become the very strong, intelligent young man. You have always had an amazing ability to make friends and we know what an incredible friend you have been. Your future is bright. We love you and we believe in you and know the world is yours.

Love you  
Mom, Dad & Timi

PS. GO LAKERS



A B C D puppies?

L M N O puppies?

O S A R.

C M P N?

We are so proud of you.

Loads of Love,  
Mom, Dad & Brad



*Abbey*  
Nelson



## Michelle Ness



Dear Michelle,

"Whatever is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and worth of praise... put these into practice, and the God of peace will be with you." Phil 4:8-9

Love,  
Mom & Dad; Matt & Drew



Christie and Jordan,

Congratulations - you have been great and we look forward to the next four years with confidence you will succeed. Have fun and enjoy college!

Love,  
Mom & Dad

## Jordan Osbourne

## Christie Sitzer

## Olivia Schiefelbein

Taylor,

You've grown into an amazing person with a generous heart and a kind spirit. We are so proud of how hard you worked to reach your goals. We wish you all the love and success as you move forward in life.

We love you very much  
Mom, Dad, Alexa,  
Matthew & Austin

## Taylor Probst



Liver,

At the beginning of your life we had tears of joy. As you leave your home, we are full of pride. We are so proud of your decisions, strength and passions. Clear the path for your desires, extend the road of your dreams. And know that we are always there beside you!!

Love,  
Mom, Daddy & Liz



## Kelsey Smith

Kelsey,

You are so very special to us. We are very proud of how you have worked so hard through these school years when, at times, so much was working against you. With your determination, you will not only succeed, but shine, well into the future.

With much love,  
Mom & Dad



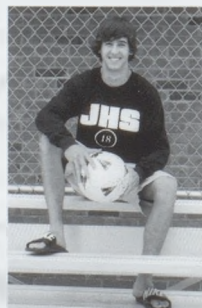
## Tyler Smith

Ty,

God truly blessed us when He gave us YOU! We have had so much fun watching you grow up. We never grow tired of watching you on the basketball court or on the soccer field or just spending time with you. Continue to be the "Quiet Leader" and as you move on, keep your eyes focused on your FAITH.

"Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed."  
Proverbs 16:3

We love you!!  
Dad, Mom & Allie







Jen,

It has been a joy watching you grow into a beautiful, fun, smart, caring, young lad! We are so proud of you, and so excited to see where the rest of life's journey takes you!

We Love You To Pieces!  
Mom & Dad

*Jen*  
Pargulski

*Justin*  
Polson



Justin,

I can't believe you are a senior and this fall you are moving on toward fulfilling all of your dreams. You are such a fantastic young man! Your smile lights up a room! I look forward to watching you become successful in whatever you desire to do. I know that you will achieve all that you set your mind to and ISU will be a great place for you next year.

I love you to the moon and back.  
-Mom



Emily,

We are proud of you and all your accomplishments. You have grown into a beautiful young woman and we are proud of the choices that you have made. You have the ability to make the whole family laugh. May all your dreams come true. You have our love and support in whatever you do and wherever you go. Blessings to you.

We love you,  
Mom & Dad

*Emily*  
Schwartz

*Ryan*  
Skinner

Yay! YOU DID IT!



Congratulations Ryan, we are very proud of you. As the next chapter in your life begins, remember two things: 1. Make good choices, and 2. Nobody loves you like your mom does!

Love,  
The Pink Ranger & the Big Guy

*Brandon*  
Soda



Brandon,

We are so proud of the responsible, caring and hard working young man you've become! You have brought so much enjoyment into our lives. Your free spirit and sense of humor are so great we can't begin to tell you how much you will be missed as you go off to become a HAWKEYE! Stay true to your self, focus on your goals and you will achieve great things. Always remember we love you and support you in everything you do. GO HAWKS!

With all our love  
Mom, Dad & Amanda

*Abby*  
Sonner

Dear Abby Jo,



Congratulations on your graduation. We have loved every minute of the last 18 years! Make the most of your college years and remember you are capable of anything. Always keep your smile and know that we love you and support you in whatever lies ahead.

Love,  
Dad, Mom & Todd



## Brandon Stanley



A baby boy, ten fingers, ten toes, now your six foot three, where did the time go? Seems like yesterday you learned how to walk, and now you drive and text and talk! You go to band practice, to work and to school, you even cut your own hair, and I admit its really quite cool. Be who you are Brandon, it's the best you, you can be.

You did it!  
Mom



To our son, Bryn,

Time has flown by! From a beautiful baby, you have grown into a young man ready to "take on" the world. Your intelligence, humor, insight and compassion for others will serve you well. We love you, we're proud of you and we're cheering you on as you START the next chapter in your life.

Love,  
Mom & Dad

## Bryn Start

## Stephanie Trail



Stephanie,

Where has the time gone? Seems like just yesterday we were bringing our little baby home from the hospital and today you are ready to leave the nest and go out on your own! As we've watched you grow over the years you've made us extremely proud at the young woman you've grown into. God has truly blessed us! Remember your faith, trust in God and always do your best at whatever you do. Your family will always be here to support and love you and help you along the way.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Samantha, Sarah,  
Gidget, Boomer & Bella

## Alec Trainer



Alec,

May your fishing always be as enjoyable as the catch . . .  
Here fishy...fishy!!!

Love,  
Mom & Dad, Austin, Evan,  
Samantha, Max & Bubba

## Tyler Waltz



Tyler,

You are a wonderful young man with a huge heart. Never lose your love of life and the curiosity that leads you to new places. Remember where you came from and that your family will always be here for you. Go now and find your special place in the world. Keep that twinkle in your eye and the smile on your face. Tyler you will always be our "Taz".

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Ryan, Kiley & Chelsea



B,

With integrity...with maturity... with class... you did it! How did this happen - where did the time go? I miss my little girl, but am so proud of the beautiful person you have become, both inside and out.

Congratulations on your graduation, I love you!  
<3 Mom

## Brianne Westlake





Sara,

You grew up so fast – from a cute little blondie to a beautiful young woman. We are so proud of you. The next part of your journey through life is beginning and we will always be here to support and love you. Follow your dreams

Love,  
Mom, Dad & Chad

*Sara*  
Swigart



*Ryan*  
Torgerson

Ryan



You have been such a joy to us since the day you arrived into this world. We have watched you grow into a wonderful young man... we are proud to have you as our son. Follow your dreams and good things will come. Live each and every day to the fullest. We wish you the best on your next journey in life with a different set of challenges.

We love you!  
Dad, Mom & Rachel

*Matthew*  
Trillet

Matthew,

You have always been our shining star; you are now a remarkable young man of whom we are very proud. Always dream big and work hard to achieve your life's goals. Enjoy all of the side trips you need to take to arrive at your destination. You've got what it takes!

With Love,  
Dad, Mom, Caitlyn & Oliver too!



*Taylor*  
Vines

Taylor,

We are very proud of you. We have loved every minute of watching you grow up into a beautiful young woman. You are a wonderful daughter, sister and friend. We know that you will be successful in anything you choose to do.

"For wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul." Proverbs 2:10



*Allie*  
Wilmore

Allie,

Since the day you were born you have brought us unending joy and entertainment. We wish for you everything your heart desires and we know you will achieve it. Dream big and go for it. We can't wait to see where life takes you!

We love you and are so proud of you!  
Mom, Dad, Steph & Bodi



"Believe deep down in your heart that you're destined to do great things" -Joe Paterno

We believe you are destined to do great things, Jessica, and we are here to love and support you along the way. Believe in yourself as much as we believe in you!

Love,  
Dad, Mom & JJ.



*Jessica*  
Worley



## Academic Decathlon



Allyson Mayer, Preet Dhuga, Katie Bonney, Alex Garland, Brit Deal, Neal Herink, Ben Stensrud, Gabbi Angeloni **ROW 2:** Ryan Jones, Zach Stevens, Adam Helgeson, Fred Shen, Joe Payne, Azra Beganovic, Amra Beganovic Hannah Emmerson, Tanner Gardner, Kevin Hu **ROW 3:** Dylan Cue, Jenny Ajluni, John Hall, Eric Everett, Petros Vardaxis, William McDowell, Kevin Shi, Alan Nagel, Ethan Nutter

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Matt Probst, Claire Nagel, Cindy Xu, Taylor Probst, Katie Zimmer, Erik Jurgensen, Erica White, Kelsey Bowen, Anna Tucker, Kayla Ward, Erica Tucker, Emily Eikenberry, Preet Dhugga, Sarah Mayer, Renee Durbala, Morgan Meyer, Christie Sitzer, Ashlie Hodapp. **ROW 2:** Jordan Belknap, Blake Schawin, Dane Van Brocklin, Anna Belknap, Alison Blakely, Brenna Ellis, Blaine Schlawn, Tim Gates, Charlotte Dutcher, Brittany Borup, Mackenzie Ellis, Rachel Casciato, Adam Helgeson, Cody Lenz, Emily Linscheid, Sherri Chyi, Alyssa Eaves. **ROW 3:** Kylie Kinsey, Jacob Bennet, Nick Kuehn, Ian Selinger, Tommy Schwaderer, Anthony Frei, Ervin Deumic, Amber Heller, Owen Ballard, Margaret Taylor, Joe Payne, Britta Pohlman, Katie Kanaus, Chloe Judas, Margaret Brimeyer, katy Davis, Gaby Brass, Leslie Ulm, Leslie Couture. **ROW 4:** Reed Clabaugh, JB Williams, Josh Tindall, Jacob Hjelmaas, Jake Heil, Ben Hjelmaas, Alex Hjelmaas, Chris Dockum, Nate Jorgensen, Andy Jensen, Nick Vogel, John Hall, Brandon Miller, Simas Petrauskas, JT Minor, Shawna Polen, Evan Lundstrom-Yurdin, Alex Erb, James Sevenich.

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Band (WoodWind)



Laureca Landwehr, Christina Aldrich, Lindsay Fredrickson, Hailey Christianson, Allyson Mayer, Ashley Williamson, Amanda Johns, Erin Smalley. ROW 2: Linda Brown, Kyle Soyer, Azra Beganovic, Katie Bonney, Amra Beganovic, Kevin Han, Joanna Kim, Amy Bowers, Katie Upton. ROW 3: Jason Kane, Alan Nagel, Leah Peterson, Heidi Bibler, Dellanie Couture, Bailey Petersma, Ryan Coomes, Ben Warrick, Betsy Pilkington ROW 4: Michael Carlson, Ethan Nutter, Benjamin Cigan, Ryan Francois, Kevin Shi, Daniel Ratekin, Matthew Gulleen, Laura Cross, Leah Bowman, Julia Henning. ROW 5: Jeff Oatts, Kyle Naig, Bryn Start, Dylan Cue, Eric Oatts, Chris Oatts, Kody McCracken, Tanner Gardiner.

Jazz Band (Jazz Lab)



J.B. Williams, John Hall, Hailey Christianson, Christina Aldrich, Heidi Bibler, Amber Heller, Nick Kuehn, Anna Belknap. ROW 2: Jason Kane, Josh Tindall, Alex Hjelmaas, Ian Selinger, Erik Jurgensen, Claire Nagel, Amy Bowers. ROW 3: Jacob Hjelmaas, Nick Vogel, Jacob Bennett, Kelsey Bowen, Anthony Frei, Ethan Nutter, Kyle Soyer.

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Baseball Sophomore



Josh Amick, Sean Lau, Garrett Acuna, Kirby Singleton, Sean Barnard, Eric Eittreim, ROW 2: Alex Jacobson, Kevin Johnson, Austin Finley, Riley Johnson, IV Githens, Travis Merritt, Alec Recker ROW 3: AJ Grill, Jarod Beaman, Blake Skarvedt, Craig Kruger, Adam Retzlaff, Jacob Sterk, Jacob Wood, Blake Hartsook

Mn Co Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz



## Baseball Varsity



Greg Larpenner, Shaun Miller, Torgeson, Chris Syroka, Brandon Soda, Eric Walter ROW 2: Jonathan Nielson, Troy DuBay, Bryan Lippincott, Ryan McCaulley, Reid Jewel, Justin Hoellein, Trevor Haden, Ryan Bole ROW 3: Tony Kruse, James Stone, Austin Hartsook, Darin Davis, Keaton Shuck, Joey Gowdy, Charlie Dick, Josh Camos, Keith Lippincott, Randy Wee

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Mitch Fondell, Corey Schaefer, Andrew Vander Zwaag, Josh Sinram. ROW 2: Ashley Smith, Tommy Larson, Tyler Baumgartner, Alec Recker. Bryce Johnson, Nick Smith, Candice Smith. ROW 3: Bobby Sandquist, Derek Foster, Miles Summa, Tyler Kubik, Tyler Smith, coach Randy Barrick. ROW 3: Aric Greenfield, Daniel Conn, Jake Baumgartner, Justin Amick, Adi Sehic, Jamie Cason.

## Girls Basketball Sophomore



Katie Lashier, Erica White, Kara Anderson, Alex Hawks, Sammie Hildreth. ROW 2: Maddie Morris, Brittany Witmer, Katelyn Parsons, Megan Rice, Danielle Christensen, Victoria Orrante. ROW 3: John Williams, LeaAnndra Minick, Nicole Pirie, Chris Harken.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm



## Girls Basketball Varsity



Loryn Reed, Madison Thompson, Tessa Fenimore, Kate Nielsen, Abby Sonner, Reanna Noel. Spencer Lang. **ROW 2:** Chris Harken, Amber Heller, Jennifer Ross, Kayla Ross, Jordan Sandquist, John Williams. **ROW 3:** coach Beth Ward, Tory Knuth, Emily Parker, Andi Cameron, Rachel Chapman, Rich Gradoville.

## Best Buddies



Britta Pohlman, Trinity Zeiger, Jill Von Fumetti, Emma Gesirich, Lauren Mackey, Karaline Johnson, Teddy Strand, Makayla Mawhinney, Haley Butterfield. **ROW 2:** Angela Koob, Libby Elmtt, Jacie Blunt, Kristine Williams, Caleb Wagner, Keith Wiskirchen, Victoria Horstman, Hannah Dankbar, Matthew Daisy, Christopher Soroka, Spencer Cartwright, Melissa Johnson.

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## Bowling



Amanda Teel, Andrea Juergens, Amy Bowers, Britta Pohlman. **ROW 2:** Jordin Robinson, Luke Boreman, Brandon McBride, Jordan Thompson, Chris Wilkinson, Jerrid Michener, Jocelyn Kleinschmidt. **ROW 3:** Tyrssa Beck, Rachael Meyer, Sarah Blank, Brandon Carrey, Matt Mahanna, Tim Blank, Jake Klopfenstein, Bailey Knapp



## Cheerleading Sophomore



Elissa Wiley, Alexa Probst, Geena Pilcher, Dahlia Gordon, Katherine Lewis, Katelyn Fritcher **ROW 2:** Rachel Dubas, Christine Clark, Kennady Loffredo, Emily Mentzer, Christina Davis, Denira Hasanovic, Lindsey Curiel **ROW 3:** Caitlyn Triller, Mackenzie Berger, Amanda Soda, Anna Belknap, Briana Wengert, Emma Gowey

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## Winter Cheerleading sophomore



Brittany Trow, Amanda Soda, Christine Clark **ROW 2:** Lindsey Curiel, Katelyn Fritcher, Kennady Loffredo

## Cheerleading Varsity



Jessica Johnson, Holly Kimball, Shelby Brose, Taylor Probst, Jocelyn Schneider, Karaline Johnson, Allison Rawls, Tiffany Camp, Niki Feaster, Abbey Nelson, Staci Smith, Casey Holt, Patricia Miller, Bethany Hoogenakker, Noelle Liljedahl, Ashley Hoogenakker, Amanda Korkow, Courtney Kimble, Jessica Rice, Shelby Ryan, Mickey Greene, Allie Wilmore, Rachel Scieszinski, Kirsten Ingersoll, Molly Schunicht, Taylor Smith, Megan Parker

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Karaline Johnson, Taylor Probst, Jessica Rice, Emma Gesirich, Elissa Wiley, Briana Wengert

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Matthew Berry, Mike Shi, Chelsea Nelson, Dylan Cue **ROW 2:** Harris Kajtazovic, Dirk Opland, Faisal Alabsi, Ethan Nutter



Choir Chamber



Lindsay Timmons, Alex Garland, Kallen Kramer, Caroline Byrd, Allison Kane, Molly Schunick, Katie Zimmer, Bailey Petersma ROW 2: Claire Ottley, Jessica Pray, Ashley Williamson, Betsy Pilkington, Alison Blakely, Leah Bowman, Marrisa Borich ROW 3: Phil Mortens, Ryan Jones, Jordan Thompson, John Temple, Nick Miller, Eric Eittrheim, Alan Nagel, Ryan Bower, Matther Murray ROW 4: Michael Friesth, Riley Johnson, Josh Wendt, Chriss Oatts, Tanner Gardiner, Eric Everett, Chris Dockum.

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Bailey Merritt, Ashley Ribordi, Trinity Zeiger, Lauren Mackey, Mackenzie Ellis, Rachel Swanson, Betsy Hourigan ROW 2: Dellanie Couture, Kristine Hauser, Dahlia Gordon, Anna Belknap, Kayla Morris, Kaitlin Mason ROW 3: Marisa Heisterkamp, Corrin Larkin, Clara Humke, Makenzie McFarland, Emma Gowey, Katie Davis ROW 4: Sarah Schulte, Janelle Galang, Spencer Vasey, Lindsey Curiel, Emily Mentzer

Choir Mixed (Boys)



Ethan Kumbara, Tommy Schwaderer, Ben Stensrud, Jamerris Holder, Jake Hunsberger, Joel Wittman ROW 2: Jordan Zenor, Jake Swesey, Thomas Winkleman, Sam Shelton, Brian Gates, Skylar Waddell ROW 3: Blake Davidson, Nick Vogel, Erik Anderson, Tyler Knepper, Jacob Baird, Henry Prager, Nate Prager ROW 4: Mitch Sparks, Jacob Helmaas, Collin Schares, Matt Beary, Brandon Miller, Josh Hanson

Nm Oo Pp Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz



## Choir Mixed (Sopranos)



Emira Deumic, Jacie Blunt, Denira Hasanovic, Katherine Lewis, Isaura Luong, Kristin Bunting, Connor Woody, Alexa Probst. ROW 2: Molly Hoffman, Chelsea Waltz, Peyton Kueny, Jessica Hansen, Morgan Meyer, Jordan Colvin, Elissa Wiley, Shae Atterberg. ROW 3: Maddie Morris, Claire Anderson, Claire Nagel, Sarah Mayer, Cindy Xu, Britta Pohlman, Karley Mills. ROW 4: Julia Henning, Cara Blackford, Emily Parker, Bailey Knapp, Kayla Schuster, Molly Ward.

## Color Guard



Claire Nagel, Renee Durbala, Christie Sitzer, Taylor Probst, Breanna Ellis, Mackenzie Ellis. ROW 2: Britta Pohlman, Margaret Taylor, Kylie Kinsey, Erica White.

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## Girls Cross Country



Michelle Tuon, Kelesy Kruse, Taylor Mithelman, Brittany Trow, Kari Ross, Emily Kane, Anna Belner, Amber Clock, Molli Kipp, Madi Buckley ROW 2: Maddie Doherty, Victoria Horstman, Kayla Schuster, Stephanie Thimmesch, Yelena Varley, Emily Linschied, Amanda Walker-King, Sarah Johnson, Libby Elmitt, Hanna Souhrada, Amanda Philip, Ashley Quick ROW 3: Elena Malycheva, Amy Lovejoy, Taylor Von Retzel, Megan Davis, Melinda Busch, Kelly McGowan, Alma Jovancevic, Amy Krueger, Alyssa Eaves, Lisa Friesth, Hannah Thayer, Cassie Hardy, Nickie Meyer ROW 4: Pat Hennes, Clara Humke, Christina Andeweg, Jocelyn Kleinschmidt, Emily Schwartz, Annie Gray, Tessa Fenimore, Jenna Devens, Alex Hawks, Megan Ackerman, Paige Doherty, Krista Shoeman, Ashlee Hulbert, Chris Siewert

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## Fencing



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## Football (Varsity)



Nik Tucker, James Tran, Jacob Clabaugh, Daveion Smith, Greg Larpenner, Aaron Schultz, Blake Skartvedt, Jake Wood, Blake Hartsook, Derek temple, Ben Freese, Sarah Blank, Chris Soroka ROW 2: Tyler Patten, Travis Fish, Karter Kunze, Zac Clay, Troy Gordon, Brock Mills, Jonathan Nelson, Tyler Kubik, Kirby Singleton, Dustin Fish, Anthony Hoyt, James Sevenich, Chad Weirich, Ben Stensrud, Koh Manteaw ROW 3: Ray Wilson, Zach Stitz, Jon Coen, Justin Amick, Duane Hatfield, Alex Knee, Adam Badgley, Riley Johnson, Mychael Kacmarynski, Ben Hjelmaas, James haines, Michael Stoeker, Jack Nielsen. ROW 4: James Garlock, John Temple, Justin Hoellein, Garrett Acuna, IV Githens, Alec Recker, Travis Merritt, J.J. Amick, Cody Catron, Jake Heil, Peter Vardaxis, Jake Klopfenstein.

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Ethan Nutter ROW 2: Kyle Soyer, Laureca Landwehr, Kylie Kinsey, Heidi Bibler ROW 3: Joe Payne, Azra Beganovic, Jeremy Mullen, Hannah Emmerson, Amra Beganovic

## Boys Golf



Corey Scheafer, Mike Slavin, Justin McCormick, Nick Smith, Joey Gowdy, Dain Opland, Ethan Kumbura, Konnor Plague, Jimmy Siebert ROW 2: Gregory Monson, Guy Newberry, Kyle Skinner, Eric Welter, Alex Wendall, Cody Walkup, Christian Hass, Mitchell Sparks, Alex Jacobsen, Dirk Opland, Kyle Fiala ROW 1: Colin Christensen, Jordan Ross, Brad Kruse, Tim Blank, Matt Probst, Ryan Kitchen, Sean McGowan



## Girls Golf



Katie Bonney, Claire Nagel, Preet Dhugga, Neal Herink, Heidi Bibler, Chelsea Nelson, Laureca Landwehr. ROW 2: Sarah Engstrom, Amra Beganovic, Kylie Kinsey, Dylan Cue, Adam Helgeson, Cody Lenz, Jenny Ayluni, Alex Garland. ROW 3: Evan Lundstrom-Yuridin, Ethan Nutter, John Hall, Azra Beganovic, Hannah Emmerson, Alec Trainer, Eric Everett, Caleb Wagner

## GSA



Katie Bonney, Claire Nagel, Preet Dhugga, Neal Herink, Heidi Bibler, Chelsea Nelson, Laureca Landwehr. ROW 2: Sarah Engstrom, Amra Beganovic, Kylie Kinsey, Dylan Cue, Adam Helgeson, Cody Lenz, Jenny Ayluni, Alex Garland. ROW 3: Evan Lundstrom-Yuridin, Ethan Nutter, John Hall, Azra Beganovic, Hannah Emmerson, Alec Trainer, Eric Everett, Caleb Wagner

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## Hockey (Purple)



John Alexander. ROW 2: Kale Singleton, Alex Peichl, Brendan Elliott, Kirby Singleton, Jared Gilbert. ROW 3: Coach Rick Strawn, Trevor Biley, Dakota Wenzel, Haden Allison, Dylan Betters, Nathan Howe, Adam Gardner, coach Harold Howe.

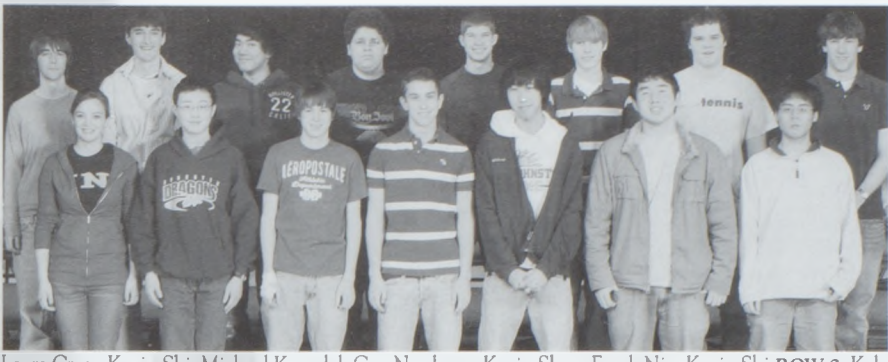


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Nicholas Hoobin, Ethan Augustine, Henry Prager, Dan Radikan, Nick Goss, Tommy Schwaderer ROW 2: Griffin Idleman, Nathan Prager, Marcus Dolan, John Hall, Peter Vardaxis

JETS



Laura Cross, Kevin Shi, Michael Knoedel, Guy Newberry, Kevin Shen, Frank Niu, Kevin Shi ROW 2: Kyle Sawyer, Tanner Gardiner, Kevin Hu, Peter Vardaxis, Ben Jacobson, Ryan Francios, William McDowell, John Hall

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Carly O'Keefe, Kiera Morrill, Michael Carlson, Shawn Miller, Rachel Chapman, Jeremy Mullen ROW 2: Kari Ross, Kayla Ross, Colleen Shannon, Heidi Bibler, Shawna Polen, Cody Lenz

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## Knowledge Bowl



Zac Stevens, Matt Knoedel, Alex Garland, Bailey Petersma, Catherine Caracci, Brittany Deal, Katie Bonney, Azra Beganovich, Preet Dhugga, Allyson Mayer, Taylor Probst, Shae Atterberg, Hannah Dankbar, Yiming Qin  
 ROW 2: Kyle Soyer, Neal Herink, Adam Helgeson, Ryan Francios, Joe Payne, Alex Grapp, Amra Beganovich, Laura Cross, Tanner Gardiner, Alan Nagel, Kevin Hu, Hannah Emmerson, Phil Mortens, Ryan Jones, Ben Stenstrup  
 ROW 3: Chris Dockum, Dylan Que, Eric Everett, John Hall, Peter Vardaxis, Ethan Nutter, Alex Knee, Henry Prager, Caleb Wagner, Fred Shen, Frank Niu, Kevin Shi, Ben Vanderploeg, William McDowell

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 ROW 3: Kevin Shi, Matthew Berry, Hank Mandsager, Kevin Shi, Kevin Shen, Alex Knee, William McDowell, Ryan Smaha, Jacob Hjelm, Chris Dockum, Tanner Gardiner, Kevin Hu, Julia Henning, Eric Welter, Alex Hjelm, Dylan Cue

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Jeremy Mullen, Nikki Sullivan, Taylor Chesnut, Alma Jovancevic, Azra Beganovic, Amra Beganovic.  
ROW 2: Olivia Schiefelbein, Jonathan Nelson, Michelle Ness, Abby Sonner, Taylor Knuth, Kate Nielsen.



Catherine Caracci, Kiera Morrill, Jocelyn Schneider, Lauren Gehrke, Kelsey Kruse, Evan Culbert, Brittany Deal, Chelsea Nelson, Brennan Winget, Haley Johnson, Philip Mortens. ROW 2: Shawna Polen, Stephanie Ivankovich, Amy Lovejoy, Kallen Kramer, Kelly McGowan, Dwight Lykins, Julia Manning, Aaron Meyer, Kyle Soyer, Matt Knoedel. ROW 3: Jon Houpp, Scott Monroe, Eric Oatts, Nels Engblom, Jeremy Mullen, Ben Vander Ploeg, Kevin Hu, Chris Caracci.

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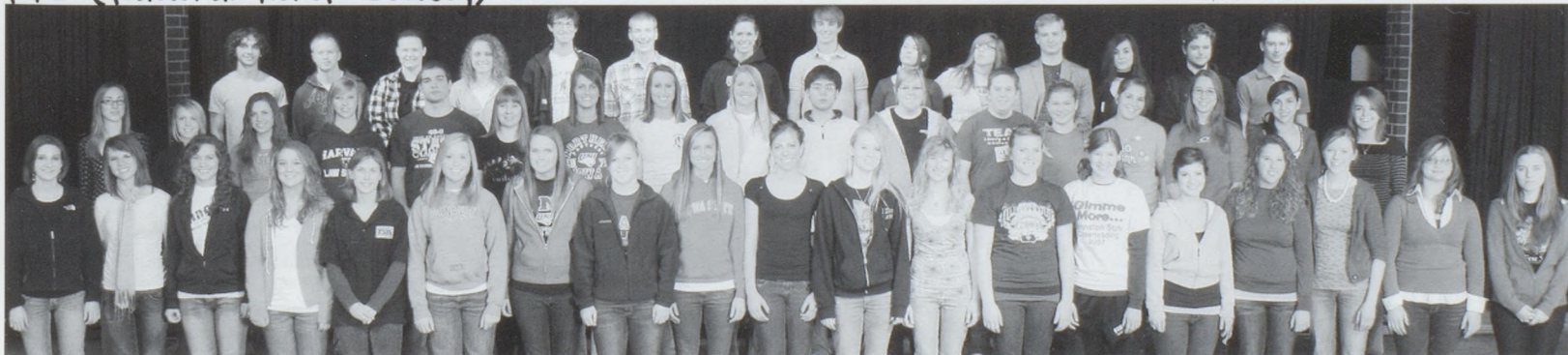
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## Play



Clara Humke, Kristine Houser, Ashley Ribordy, Emma Gesiriech, Caroline Johnson, Shay Miller, Johanna Kim, Heidi Bibler, Shawna Polen  
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## Show Choir (Innovation)



Christian Haas, Allison Kane, Matthew Murray, Taylor Martz, Zac Stevens, Lesley Tosch, Austin Gehm, Samantha Jungman, Ryan Jones. ROW 2: Bailey Petersma, Ryan Bower, Breanna Ellis, Joshua Wenndt, Shelby Brose, Abby Sonner, Michael Friesth, Alison Blakely, Nate Johnson, Caleb Wagner. ROW 3: Olivia Diehl, Sam Reed, Staci Smith, Zachary Swallow, Lindsay Timmons, Caroline Byrd, Ashley Williamson, Alan Nagel, Betsy Pilkington, Steve Williams, Claire Ottley. ROW 4: Chris Oatts, Eric Eittreim, Julia Manning, Andrew Meek, Kendra Greenfield, Kallen Kramer, Kody McCracken, Abby Burch, Nick Evans, Tanner Gardiner. ROW 5: Riley Johnson, Anne Fleming, Jordan Thompson.  
Band & Crew- ROW 2: Cara Blackford, Anna Kurns ROW 3: Allyson Mayer, Blake Schlawin, Julia Henning, Bailey Knapp ROW 4: Leah Bowman, Ben Cigan, Erica Tucker, Jason Kane  
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Band & Crew- ROW 3: Anna Kurns, Daniel Ratekin ROW 4: Kyle Naig, Erica Tucker, Andy Jensen, Katie Upton ROW 5: Allyson Mayer, Benjamin Cigan, Nick Vogel, Blake Schlawin, Bryn Start, Bailey Knapp, Cara Blackford

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## Soccer Boys JV



Russ Fortune, Austin Kinsey, Ryan Larsen, Hunter Lafollete, Brandon McBride, Alex Grieve, Justin Coaldrake, Faisal Alabsi **ROW 2:** Dirk Opland, Josh Tindall, Marcus Dolan, Daniel Ratekin, Daniel Berry, Matt DeFrancisco, James Browning, Matt Gonner **ROW 3:** Ben Fincher, Dalton Leslie, Scott Wanninger, Tim Blank, Ryan Tiller, Tommy Morrissey

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## Soccer Girls Varsity



Katie Lashier, Kerrigan Thompson, Collen Shannon, Emily Schwartz, Kara Anderson, Nicole Postel **ROW 2:** Spencer Vasey, Carlyn O'Keefe, Dayna Jansen, Erica Tucker, Kate Nielson, Nicole Feaster, Nicole Pirie **ROW 3:** Madison Mandsager, Megan Randolph, Michelle Hummel, Adela Hodzic, Madison Thompson, Jennifer Ross

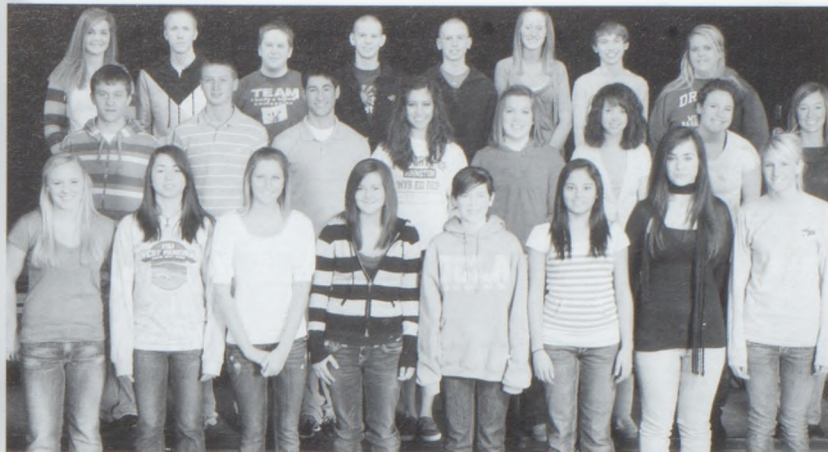


## Speech Club



Katie Upton, Samantha Sellers, Nate Jorgensen, Alma Jovancevic, Samantha Meyer

## Student council



Katie Lashier, Janelle Galang, Chelsea Van Vark, Paige Collison, Jessica Johnson, Ananya Kumar, Amra Beganovic, Ashley Quick. **ROW 2:** Ryan Quesnell, Lincoln Eppard, Drew Wilson, Jessica Pray, Margaret Brimeyer, Amber Solberg, Julia Manning, Carlyn O'Keefe. **ROW 3:** Libby Elmitt, Jeff Oatts, Adam Helgeson, Caleb Wagner, Andy Jensen, Kristine Williams, Jordan Adams, Ali Willis.

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## Swimming Girls



Samantha Sweeney, Stephanie Furguson, Zoey Crandell, Kelsie Miller, Becca Nims, Meredith Luksetich, Anna Kurns, Kelly Mackey, Christina Aldrich, Lindsey Taylor, Kim Linde. **ROW 2:** Rachel O'Yibo, Eliza Kelley, Lindsey Winders, Mariah Wellman, Hannah Dankbar, Olivia Pace, Elise Hill, Kylie Kinsey, Kelsey Kramer, Alex Gustafson. **ROW 3:** Brittany Borup, Dahlia Gordon, Lindsey Torvik, Tori Haag, Kaytlin Tippin, Cassie Sweeney, Mariya Makarenko, Emily Barnes, Emma Meyer, Laura Kottke. **ROW 4:** Janie Norris, Nicole Urbine, Malia Meyer, Jessica Short, Eryn Thomas, Anna Johnson, Phoebe Cooper, Kathryn Propstein, Maddie Mandsager, Maren Monson. **ROW 5:** Taylor Erwine, Janelle Galang, Kelsey Staub, Julia Manning, Emily Merritt, Sydney Monahan, Helen Lagerblade, Ashley Gillette, Courtney Chesmore, Molly Thuente, Emma Billerbeck

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## Tennis Boys



Ryan McGrew, Ben Warrick, Mason Lee, Marc Thies, Frank Nui, Kevin Hu, Fred Shen, Daniel Kim **ROW 2:** Sam Wendell, Matt Rose, Alex Swafford, Ahmed Shaharyar, Jacob Bennett, Tyler Moriarty, Chris Caracci, Andrew Overton **ROW 3:** Simas Petrauskas, J.T. Minor, Brandon Korkow, Michael Knoedel, Nick Kuehn, Tommy Schwaderer, Collin Schares, Blaine Schlawin **ROW 4:** Matthew Knoedel, Andy Verhasselt, Breyn Start, Alex Schultz, Brad Kruse, Duncan Sinclair, Kyle Naig. **ROW 5:** Ryan Francois, Mitch Sparks, Alex Peichl, Tyler Bradley, Charlie Haggett, William McDowell, Riley Rath

## Tennis Girls



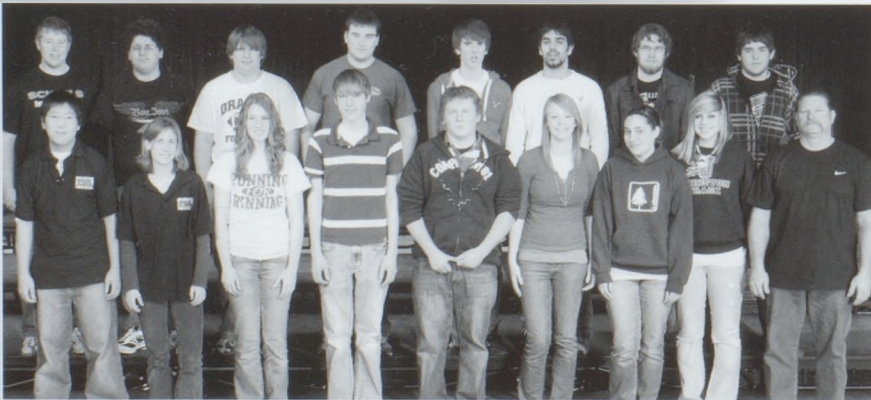
Katie Holcomb, Shae Atterberg, Maddie Kreamer, Catherine Caracci, Amber Solberg, Mikayla Stuzman **ROW 2:** Maddie Dohearty, Rielly Mills, Alicia Deal, Amanda Paskiewicz, Ananya Kumar, Jenna Heil, Megan Ackerman, Martha Carroll, Paige Collison, Amanda Korkow, Cindy Xu, Mikayla Twan **ROW 3:** Mitzi Heatherton, Leyla Uzbekova, Lindsey Curiel, Haley Johnson, Clara Humke, Haley Beaver, Morgan Foldes, Lauren Rogers, Megan Roth, Jenny Ajluni, Taylor Anderson, Kelsey Kruse, Ben Knight

## Girl's Track



LeAnndra Minick, Katie Newbury, Krista Shoeman, Felicia Coleman, Taylor Erwine, Gabrielle Liljedahl, Julia Binnie **ROW 2:** Alexis Golde, Alex Ligouri, Chole Judas, Jessica Portel, Rachael Ruggieri, Monica DeCarlo, Taylor Murray, Kerrigan Crofts, Janie Norris **ROW 3:** Abby Dusen, Jenna Christensen, Ashley Quick, Anna Belner, Alyssa Eaves, Molly Kipp, Amanda Philiph, Taylor Chestnut, Cassie Curtis, Jenna Devens **ROW 4:** Morgan Meyer, Sebrina Toepfer, Victoria Horstman, Amber Clock, Morgen Roshek, Hailey Bridgewater, Alex Hawks, Corrin Larkin, Maddie Morris, Kim Thomas **ROW 5:** Megan Davis, Taylor Mithelman, Mauren Manson, Amy Krueger, Anissah Kuyateh, Rebecca Cambell, Sarah Fincher, Ashley Gray, Madison Kleve, MacKenzie Noble **ROW 6:** D'Autre Ayers, Jill Deskin, Nicole Straavldson, Caroline Pace, Mikayla Whitney, Mariya Makarenko, Amber Dorrian, Catherine Erb, Megan Seiberg **ROW 7:** Amanda Walker-King, Noelle Liljedahl, Karly Mills, Laryn Reed, Meredith Pace, Christina Davis **ROW 8:** Dave Beason, Lacey Corcoran, Christopher Siewert, Pat Hennes

## TSA



Ben Stensrud, Christie Sitzler, Melinda Busch, Ryan Francois, Cole Richards, Taylor Von Rentzell, Lauren McNeal, Carlee Sabus, Mitch Eagles. **ROW 2:** Alex Peichl, Peter Vardaxis, Jake Klopfenstein, Alex Knee, Zach Buckley, John Puffett, Evan Lundstrum-Yuridin, Cody Catron.

## Volleyball Sophomore



Katelyn Parsons, Kerrigan Crofts, Elizabeth Schiefelbein, Nicole Pirie **ROW 2:** Lauren Scott, Jessica Mozga, Emily Parker, Sarah Cleveland, Kristen Howe, Erica White **ROW 3:** Morgen Roshek, Brittany Witmer, Monika Sehic, Emily Bisenius, Connor Woody

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## Volleyball JV



Morgan Foldes, Kayla Ross, Andi Cameron, Abigail Westemeyer **ROW 2:** Cassie Curtis, Corrin Larkin, Sara Stucker **ROW 3:** Beth Ward, Morgan Campbell, Ella Heinicke, Jenny Spaulding, Rick Brooks

## Volleyball Varsity



Amanda Paskiewicz, Morgan Campbell, Cassie Curtis, Taylor Chesnut **ROW 2:** Michelle Ness, Kari Queck, Tory Knuth, Taylor Knuth, Abby Sonner, Kate Nielsen **ROW 3:** Beth Ward, Morgan Foldes, Corrin Larkin, Leah Peterson, Samantha Jungman, Kayla Ross, Rick Brooks

## We The People



Joe Payne, Neil Herink, Kevin Shi, Elena Yorley **ROW 2:** Kevin Shen, Alma Jovonevic, Ethan Nutter, Jenny Ajluni, William McDowell

## Wrestling



Alex Richards, Ryan Lower, Drew Jackson, Jay Torres, Matt Gibbons, Cameron Brose, Stephen Shaffer. **ROW 2:** Brad Hagerla, Andrew McCrea, Nic Pierotti, Adam Badgley, Duane Hatfield, Mike Faley, Austin Egenberger, Joe Scanlin, Isaac Laffey. **ROW 3:** coach Aaron Tecklenburg, coach Steve Price, Tony Dooley, Justin Becvar, Nik Tucker, David Miedema, Luke Bubeck, Sean Lau, Mark Schillerstrom, Kevin Schulte.

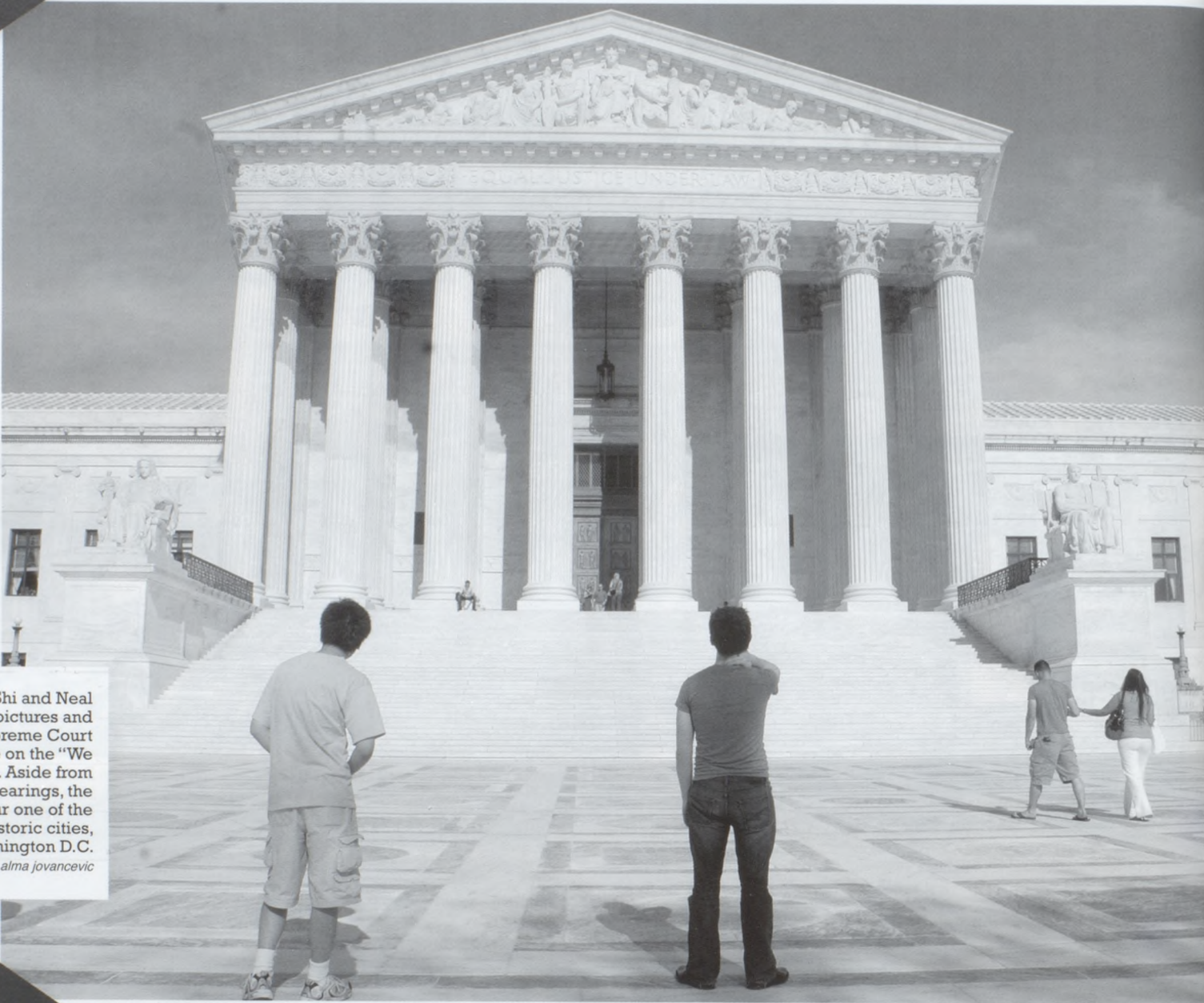
## Yearbook



Makayla Coulson, Matthew Courtney, Erin Funk, Olivia Schiefelbein, Jordin Robinson, Zach Jensen, Faisal Alabsi. **ROW 2:** Ryan Birmingham, Chrissy Clark, Brooklyn Drake, Alma Jovancevic, Emily Welch, Hannah Emmerson, Amanda Gabbert, Brianna Ryan. **ROW 3:** Jordan Sandquist, Brittany Trow, Kristine Hauser, Megan Curtis, Katie Lashier, Meredith Batz, Mindy Dickerson, Elizabeth Schiefelbein, Monika Sehic

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Seniors Kevin Shi and Neal Herink take pictures and admire the Supreme Court building while on the "We the People" trip. Aside from competition hearings, the group got to tour one of the nation's most historic cities, Washington D.C.  
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This was the year.

Our year.

Your year.

The present, now made into the past.

A time to reflect on what you learned.

Inside and outside of the classroom.

Remember the teachers who helped us.

It is your chance to see.

To see what the organizations did for you.

To see the sports teams excel once more.

For many the doors will open again.

But for those who leave for the last time,

this is your chance, to remember the past.

This is your Chronicle.

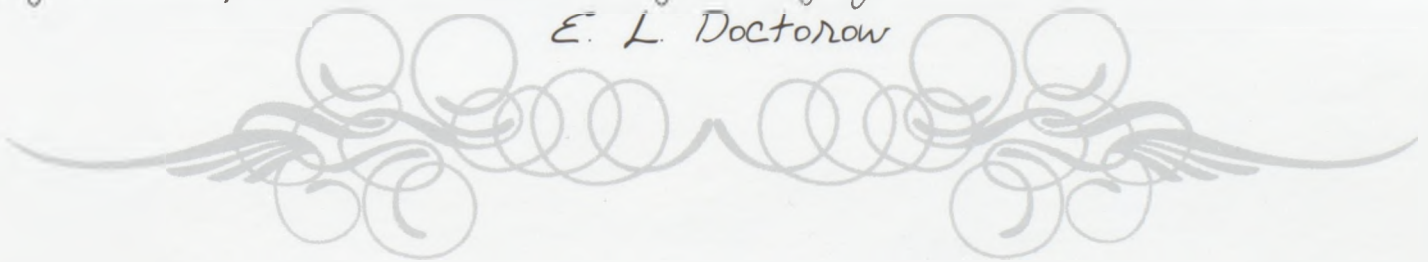






"History is the present. That's why every generation writes it anew."

E. L. Doctorow













## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

### National Journalism Award Winners: Quill and Scroll

Bethany Christenson, 2008 — Graphics

### National Journalism Award Winners: NSPA Best of Contests

Leah Kron, 2008 — HM Sports Photography

### National Journalism Award Winners: NSPA Journalism Honor Roll

Ciera Lundgren, 2008

### National Journalism Award Winners: CSPA Gold Circle Awards

#### Second Place

Katie Norris, 2008 — Sports Feature Writing

### State Journalism Awards: IHSPA Yearbook Awards

#### First Place

Bethany Christenson, 2008 — Theme

Hannah Emmerson, 2008 — Faculty Writing

Cody Zoss, 2008 — Feature

#### Second Place

Bethany Christenson, 2008 — Organizations Design

Bethany Christenson, 2008 — Opening Design

Abby Weaver, 2008 — Faculty Photo

#### Third Place

Bethany Christenson and Hannah Emmerson, 2008 — Cover

Bethany Christenson and Erin Funk, 2008 — Typography

Bethany Christenson, 2008 — People Design

Mindy Dickerson, 2008 — Feature Writing

Erin Funk, 2008 — Academics Design

#### Honorable Mention

Matthew Courtney, 2008 — Photography

Cory Gagne and Leah Kron, 2008 — Sports Design

Katie Norris, 2008 — Photo Spread

Katie Norris, 2008 — Organizations Photo

Katie Norris, 2008 — Organizations Writing

### State Journalism Awards: On-the-Spot Contest

#### First Place

Amanda Gabbert, 2008 — Photography

Erin Funk, 2008 — Yearbook Layout

#### Third Place

Hannah Emmerson, 2008 — Yearbook Layout

## HEROES

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Meredith "Cute As A Button" Batz

Ryan "Jesus Music" Birmingham

Chrissy "New Beth" Clark

Makayla "Two Party System" Coulson

Megan Curtis

Alison Coy

Matthew "Perez" Courtney

Mindy "Ultra-Geisha" Dickerson

Brooklyn "Brookie Babiii" Drake

Hannah "Make It Rain" Emmerson

Lisa Friesth

Erin "How's Your Love Life" Funk

Amanda "Sushi" Gabbert

Kristine "Steeny" Hauser

Zach "Ginger Spice" Jensen

Ethan Kumbura

Alma "Pink Poodle" Jovancevic

Jon "Picnik" Krueger

Shay Lenaghan

Katie "Lajpq" Lashier

Kofi Mantew

Claire Nichols

Jordin "With An I" Robinson

Brianna "Ryan" Ryan

Jordan "Sporty Spice" Sandquist

Elizabeth "Is Not Olivia" Schiefelbein

Olivia "Olive" Schiefelbein

Monika "Mindy" Sehic

Steph Trail

Brittany "Olivia" Trow

Emily "Hannah" Welch

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## COLOPHON

To Chronicle, is the act of recording. That's what came from a Starbucks party of Hannah, Olivia, Erin, Matt and Amanda. Oh, and Zach showed up late. The outcome of this meeting was the theme. We, as a staff, not only have the duty to write the history of each year, but to record how we do it. To start, we began the year with LARGE and new computers which were supposed to go to Wallace Elementary across the street. We received 12 of these Mac OS X and with them came Photoshop CS3 and InDesign CS3, the programs we do the majority of our work on. Everything computer related we have Tom Porter to thank for, our tech guy is always at the other end of the phone when we need him. Tom also helps with our extremely sensitive and sassy printer, the HP Laser Jet 5100, who only chooses to work when it wants to, or when it gets abused enough to work.

The printer also had to deal with printing out pages in a new way, vertically. For the first time the book is 900 size, all 216 pages of it, compared to the tiny 800 size, but the price didn't change. It is still \$39 without a name plate, and if you forget your name, its \$44 to remember it. Also, for added pizzazz, we added some very snazzy spot color to the end sheets which were designed by Hannah. A luxury that was able to be afforded with all the hard work from ad sales. This year was a record amount of money, totalling \$9,545. After purchasing a \$85 ad, company names are hung up in the gym, on an amazing sign made by Kness Signs, for everyone to stare at during time-outs at a game. We would like to thank Dan and the other custodians for taking down and putting back up our ginormous signs.

All the extra money was spent towards the cover, which was spent with Hannah's mind and Olivia and Erin's check book, much like the kids on MTV's show Sweet Sixteen. Hannah used this money for a metal in-lay surrounded by brown, with a leather grain. Including black and white silk screen ink, and classic end sheet paper on the first inside

pages. All layouts were designed by Hannah with minor tweaks from Erin.

The fonts through out our book were so cleverly chosen

by Miss Hannah; they include: *Avant Que* Bell

MT *Bernhard Std* *Cafe* *Cloister* *Conga*

Brava Std *Culia* *DYMOFONT* *INVERS*

*FFF* *Tusj* Garamond 3 LT Std *Goudy*

*Heavyface* Std Goudy Oldstyle Std *green pillow*

*Helevetica* *Kunstler Script* *LT Std* *Imprint* MT

*Shadow* *Jane Austen* *Mistral* *Mistral* *PENUMBRA*

*FLARE* STD *Ponty* *Porcelain* *Rockwell* *Serifa* Std

*Sketch* *Rockwell* *Wiesbaden* *Swing* LT Std *Ryan* and Erin

also created the division pages, Ryan pulled out the Index design by herself and copy was the product of Erin and Olivia's twinsies life style. Most of the beautiful pictures in this book came from our four cameras, starting with the newbie, a Nikon D-90, so graciously funded by the school. The others include: three Nikon D-70's and a rather large Nikon PowerLens.

The other photos seen in our book were contributed by our patrons including: group shots taken by Portraits by Deena. All our individual photos were taken by Glen from Herff Jones, who also produces our whole book at 940 West 1400 North, Logan, Utah 84321. We would also like to thank Terri and Mark from Herff Jones for representing us and always answering our phone calls during problematic times. Koth, our super-assistant also helps in our times of need, organizing, labeling, and editing with her extreme English knowledge. Our last thanks is going out to Shipp, who is not only our advisor, but some one we look up to and need in the process of chroniclizing the year. We also made up words.

Completed by Erin, Olivia and Hannah



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